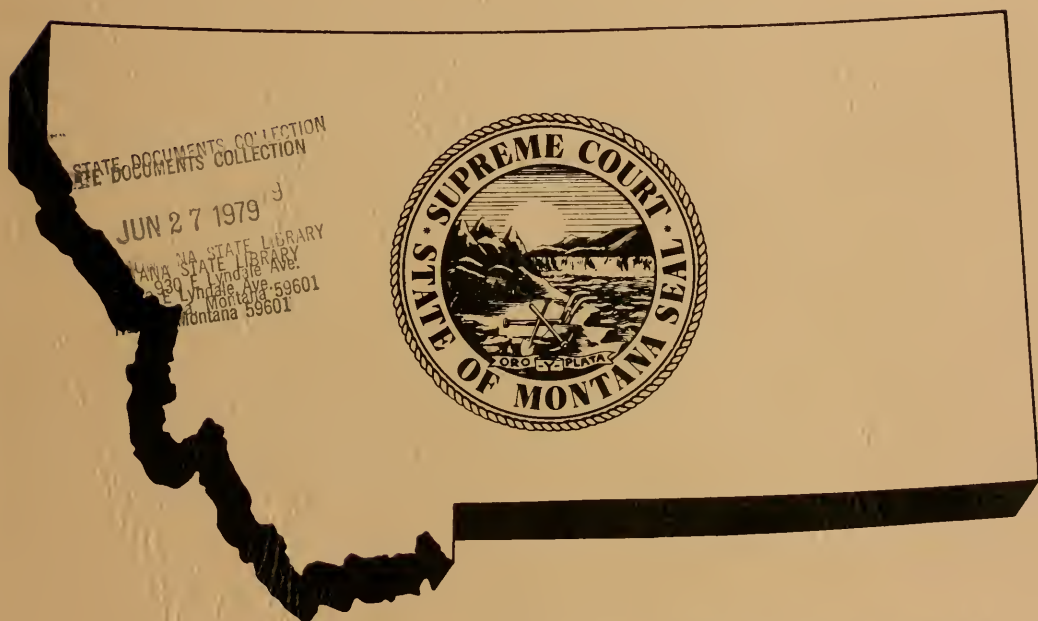


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**THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS
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THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Gerke, Mr. President Mathers, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor Schwinden, leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties in the House and Senate, Members and Staff of the 46th Legislative Assembly, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

This is the third time in the 90 year history of our state that the Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court has been invited to speak to a joint session of the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary. You are to be commended for your desire and willingness to acquaint yourselves with the operations, conditions and problems of this coordinate branch of state government. I am doubly pleased to be invited to speak to you for the first time, in view of my short tenure as your Chief Justice.

Today I want to take you on a brief tour of Montana's judicial system, give you an overview of its condition, and highlight four areas for your consideration together with our recommendations.

In this period of increasing complexity and growth, I am pleased to report to you that the Montana Supreme Court is substantially current in hearing and deciding cases filed before it. This past year has been a particularly trying time for the Supreme Court in servicing its caseload for two principal reasons: (1) the increase in volume and complexity of cases that have been filed before it, and (2) we were short one member of the Court for approximately three months during the nomination and selection process of a new Chief Justice and thereafter a new Justice.

At the beginning of this year, 1979, the Supreme Court was current in calendaring and hearing cases ready for oral argument. We were substantially but not entirely current in deciding cases submitted to us for written opinions. In 1978 we decided more cases, and wrote more opinions and issued more orders than at any time in the history of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court caseload has increased from 269 cases filed in 1974 to 517 cases filed last year. This reflects a 90% increase. In the last biennium for the first time there were slightly more cases filed each year than the Supreme Court was able to service and conclude. We anticipate a continuation of this trend of increasing caseloads and find no basis for believing otherwise. We have been and will continue to make management changes to improve our efficiency, but the basic problem of an ever increasing caseload reflects trends which are deeply inbedded in our society. These trends will not suddenly nor miraculously disappear.

This increasing volume of cases at the appellate level is substantially greater in Montana than in our neighboring and roughly comparable states. As compared to the 517 cases filed in the Montana Supreme Court last year, the Supreme Courts of our neighboring states had these caseloads: Idaho, 323 cases; South Dakota, 225 cases; North Dakota, 200 cases; and Wyoming, 157 cases.

To cope with this trend and insure quality judicial service to the people of Montana, we recommend for your consideration the addition of two Justices to the Montana Supreme Court. We do not make this recommendation lightly, but only after careful consideration of all available alternatives.

At the time of the 1972 Constitutional Convention, the delegates perceived a need at some future time to increase the size of Montana's Supreme Court and empowered the Legislature to increase the number of Justices from four to six (in addition to the Chief Justice). At that time the caseload of the Supreme Court was 200 cases. It is now 517 cases, an increase of over 150%. By the time the next session of the Legislature meets, the caseload, based on present trends, will have increased to well over 600 cases. This is an unmanageable load with existing personnel and resources.

The District Courts have experienced increases in case filings statewide from 20,160 cases in 1974 to 28,662 last year. This represents an increase of 42% in that period. The increase has not been uniform over the state and has created an imbalance in caseloads among Montana's 19 judicial districts and among Montana's 31 district judges. In general, the judges and judicial districts containing the larger population centers have experienced the greater proportional increases in caseloads.

Case filings in the District Courts of Montana have in the last two years been increasing at the rate of about 1200 cases per year. We find no reason to anticipate reversal of this trend.

We recommend for your consideration the appointment of a joint legislative committee to study the number and composition of the state's judicial districts and the number of district judges necessary in each district to furnish quality judicial service to the people of Montana. Statistical information to aid you in this task is presently available through our Court Administrator's Office.

The Magistrates Courts in our judicial system include the Justice of the Peace courts and the City courts. The Justice of the Peace courts are essentially county courts, while the latter are part of the municipal court system. I am unable to advise you of the caseloads and increases experienced in these courts as our statewide information gathering system has not yet been expanded to include these courts.

Centralized authority, responsibility and accountability are fundamental to the effective operation of any court system. The 1972 Montana Constitution vested in the Montana Supreme Court "general supervisory control over all other courts" and the authority to "make rules governing . . . practice and procedure for all other courts" subject to a veto power in the Legislature.

To date, we have exercised this supervisory control largely through the medium of writs of supervisory control in cases brought before us. Much remains yet to be done. There remains a definite need for establishing administrative control, supervision and accountability in one person in multiple judge judicial districts in this state. We are attempting to address this problem in a case now before us. You should learn the results of our efforts during this legislative session.

There is a definite need for uniform rules of practice and procedure in the district courts of Montana. We have been unable to accomplish this to date due to a lack of time and manpower.

There is a definite need for revision and up-dating of the rules of practice and procedure of various boards and commissions functioning under the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is presently in the process of re-examining and establishing qualifications and eligibility for admission to the practice of law. The Canons of Professional Ethics governing the ethical conduct of lawyers and the Canons of Judicial Ethics governing the ethical conduct of judges need modernization and up-grading. We have just completed improved forms and procedural rules for handling applications for writs of habeas corpus and post-conviction relief suggested by the Attorney General some months ago.

This brings us to a third recommendation for your consideration—funding for an experienced staff attorney for the Supreme Court to enable us to address and complete these needed reforms, among other duties. We recently secured approximately six months funding for this position through federal LEAA funds administered by the Board of Crime Control. We earnestly recommend your funding of this much needed position for the coming biennium.

Another feature vital to an effective state judiciary is court administration. With the financial assistance you provided last session, we have made substantial and significant progress in this area.

Under Mr. Mike Abley, our Court Administrator since February, 1978, and his staff, we have developed and implemented a Judicial Management Information System conceived and initiated by former Chief Justice Paul Hatfield. Essentially this is a statewide information gathering system that provides us with statistical information on court operations to enable us to make rational judicial management decisions relating to the operation of the district courts in each county, in each judicial district, and statewide. It includes statistical data on our own Supreme Court operations to aid us in making reasoned management decisions in that area.

This system tells us, on both a monthly and yearly basis, where every District Court case is, its status, which judge is responsible for it, and how long the case has been in the system. The statistics include all types of cases in the District Courts and in the Supreme

Court. The statistical information is presently available on a manual retrieval basis, and should be fully computerized and automated for instant retrieval within the next 60 to 90 days.

The Judicial Management Information System has been accomplished through the cooperation of the Clerks of the District Court in each of our 56 counties. The clerks complete the uniform case reporting documents developed by the Court Administrator and his staff and forward them to Helena where they are checked, edited and compiled by the Court Administrator's staff. The documents are then processed by a Central Data Processing unit. Monthly and annual reports are thus generated. Upon full automation and achievement of an instantaneous computerized retrieval capability within the next 60 to 90 days, we intend to disseminate the statistical information to each District Court to assist each in the proper judicial management of its operations.

During the past year we have become heavily involved in in-state training programs for county and city judges and court support personnel of the District Courts. We have found that in-state training sessions, where possible, are more cost effective than out of-state training.

One orientation training session for new Justices of the Peace and two training sessions on search and seizure provided training for 163 lower court judges covering 5,320 training hours.

Two in-state training sessions for Clerks of the District Court were held covering records management and court planning. Fifty-four clerks attended covering 1424 training hours. Additionally 7 clerks attended out-of-state training seminars covering court information and record-keeping systems for a total of 440 training hours.

On the District Court level, 11 district judges attended training sessions covering district court judicial functions for a total of 500 man hours. Most of these sessions were held at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

In the area of long range planning for the future, we have 5 committees in operation: District Courts, chaired by Justice John C. Sheehy; Clerks of Court and Court Reporters, chaired by District Judge Leonard Langen of Glasgow; Sentencing, chaired by District Judge Gordon Bennett of Helena; Prosecution and Defense, chaired by District Judge James Salansky of Kalispell; and the Commission of Lower Courts, chaired by District Judge William Coder of Great Falls. Our target is to have the first draft of a comprehensive plan by next December. Our efforts have been slowed somewhat as our former director of Court Planning, Mike Abley, doubled up on two positions when he was appointed Court Administrator last February at a substantial saving of public monies.

You should be made aware of the work of other important Boards and Commissions functioning under the Supreme Court. The Board of Bar Examiners, chaired by Attorney Robert Poore of Butte is responsible for the preparation, grading and administration of the annual bar examinations for applicants seeking admission to the practice of law. In 1978 66 applicants took the examinations and 55 were successful.

The Commission on Practice, chaired by Attorney Cale Crowley of Billings, investigates complaints against lawyers. In the last eight months of 1978 this Commission investigated and processed 91 complaints against lawyers.

The Judicial Standards Commission, chaired by District Judge A. B. Martin of Miles City, investigates complaints against judges. In 1978 it investigated and processed 12 complaints, with one still pending.

The Sentence Review Division, chaired by District Judge Jack Shanstrom of Livingston, provides review of sentences imposed in criminal cases. It reviewed 68 criminal sentences in 1978.

The Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, chaired by District Judge William Coder of Great Falls, has designed and implemented a uniform accounting system for Justices of the Peace and City Court Magistrates, has nearly completed uniform rules of practice and procedure for those courts, and oversees training programs for those courts.

There are other items of interest. There is a continuing need for a joint building to house the Supreme Court, the Attorney General and his legal staff, and the State Law Library. Such a facility would provide needed space in the Capitol building for the Legislature and its activities. A Supreme Court building has been on the planning board for many years. We earnestly commend it to you for your consideration at this legislative session.

The State Law Library has undergone substantial modernization and up-grading in the last biennium under the able direction and leadership of our professional law librarian, Claire Engel. According to our Librarian, the State Law Library now contains about 55,000 volumes, with 2166 volumes having been added in the last biennium.

There has been a substantial substitution of modern legal works and materials for outdated and obsolescent research materials. A modern cataloging program is well underway. The State Law Library provides needed research, books and materials for the Supreme Court, the Legislature and its staff, all agencies of state government and their attorneys, and District Court Judges and lawyers throughout the state. It is an essential resource for the judicial system.

Our Clerk of Court, Thomas Kearney, and his staff, have been of great assistance to us in performing the many and complex services involved in Supreme Court operations. Automation of the record-keeping and notification functions of his office should be completed in the next biennium.

We have several new judges in our District Courts and on the Supreme Court since you last met. The 45th Session of the Legislature created additional district judgeships in the 13th and 18th Judicial Districts, recently filled by the election of Judge Diane Barz of Billings and Judge Joseph Gary of Bozeman. Other vacancies were filled by the judicial nomination and selection process provided in our Constitution and implementing statutes which require confirmation by the Senate: Judge Robert Holter of Libby in the 19th Judicial District; Judge James Wheelis of Missoula in the 4th Judicial District; Judge John McCarvel of Great Falls in the 8th Judicial District; and Justice John C. Sheehy of Billings, and myself on the Supreme Court.

There have also been substantial changes in the number of attorneys licensed to practice in Montana. In the last few years the number of attorneys licensed to practice has increased each year at the rate of 100 to 125. The impact of this increase on Montana's judicial system has been felt in part in the volume of cases filed in our courts and in servicing the legal needs of numerous state and federal agencies.

The School of Law at the University of Montana has performed substantial service for the judiciary and legal profession of our state. The faculty and students at the law school have operated the Montana Defender Project for many years which investigates, researches and provides legal services for indigent inmates of our jails and prison thereby saving the taxpayers' money. The law library there has provided research facilities and materials to the judiciary and legal profession which are unobtainable elsewhere. The Dean and faculty have developed a legal intern program to better prepare students for practice in the courts of this state.

We in the Judicial System of Montana are doing all we can to provide quality judicial services that the people of Montana expect and demand. Consider for a moment if your liberty, your property, or the custody of your children were before a Montana court, what standards of judicial services, what quality, and what integrity would you want and expect if these matters were before a Montana judge for determination?

I believe the time to press forward is now. With your assistance, we can have a judicial system that will provide quality judicial services in our time. We must not wait until tomorrow.

I recall the words of a famous American of another era addressing another crisis which is equally appropriate at this time, "Give us the tools and we will do the work".

Thank you.

STRUCTURE OF MONTANA'S JUDICIARY



The judicial power of the state is vested in a three-tiered structure of appellate, general, and limited jurisdiction represented by the state Supreme Court, District Courts and Justice Courts.

SUPREME COURT

The state Supreme Court functions in two ways: (1) as an appellate court or a court of review, and (2) as a court of original jurisdiction. Appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction to District Courts must be trials de novo. The Supreme Court has original and concurrent jurisdiction over extraordinary writs. Its administrative authority over bench and bar is broad, including: “supervisory control over all courts;” the power to make all rules of practice and procedure subject to disapproval by the Legislature; and the authority to regulate admission to the bar and the conduct of its members.

At present there are five justices on the Supreme Court bench. In the event of disqualification or disability of the chief justice or a justice, a District Court judge may be substituted, with his opinion having the full effect of that of a justice. Trials, with or without a jury, are conducted in all courts except the Supreme Court. No trials are held by the Supreme Court, and witnesses are seldom presented or questioned there.

DISTRICT COURTS

District Courts are Montana’s courts of general jurisdiction. The District Courts of Montana exercise: original and exclusive jurisdiction over all felonies; original jurisdiction over all cases in law and equity; and the power to issue such writs as are appropriate to (their) jurisdiction. Currently there are 19 districts in Montana, ranging in size from 715 square miles to more than 23,000 square miles, and in population from about 10,000 to nearly 130,000. During the period covered by this report, these districts were served by 29 judges. Three of the 19 districts had three judges assigned; four districts had two judges assigned; and the remaining 12 districts were single-judge districts.

JUSTICE COURTS

Justice of the Peace Courts are Montana's major courts of limited jurisdiction. They are denied jurisdiction over felonies except for initial appearances and preliminary hearings. Their original jurisdiction presently includes most civil cases where a recovery will not exceed \$1,500; all misdemeanors punishable by fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months; and the disposition of all arrests made by the Highway Patrol. These courts also exercise current jurisdiction with the District Courts in actions of forcible entry and unlawful detainer. There must be at least one Justice of the Peace in each of the 56 Montana counties. At present, there are 141 Justices of the Peace and City judges.

LOCAL COURTS

Below the Justice Court level, Montana statutes allow the creation of City Courts. These courts have concurrent jurisdiction with Justice of the Peace Courts; but exercise exclusive jurisdiction over municipal ordinances. Justices of the Peace may be appointed by a town council to serve as City Court judges.

Montana statutes also allow for the creation of Municipal Courts for those cities that have a population of 10,000 or more. These courts have the same jurisdiction as the Justice Courts. Presently, there is only one Municipal Court in operation in Montana.

SUMMARY OF JURISDICTION EXERCISED BY MONTANA COURTS

• CONSTITUTIONAL WRITS

Supervisory Control
Other Necessary Writs

Mandamus
Certiorari
Prohibition
Injunction
Quo Warranto
Habeas Corpus

SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice & Four
Associate Justices

• CIVIL ACTIONS

Equitable Remedies

Claims Exceeding \$1,500

Claims Less Than \$1,500

Divorce
Annulment
Bankruptcy
Probate

Forcible Entry and
Unlawful Detainer

DISTRICT COURTS

19 Judicial Districts
29 District Judges

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

• CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS

Felonies

Misdemeanors

Misdemeanors—
Fine less than \$501;
imprisonment not
exceeding 6 months

CITY COURTS

MUNICIPAL COURTS*

• MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Licenses
Traffic Violations
Municipal Taxes

Original Action Taken —————→
Appeal Taken —————→

* Only one Municipal Court is in operation in Montana.

SUPREME COURT STATISTICS



SUPREME COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY

The Montana Supreme Court continued to witness significant increases in the number of appellate matters filed before it. In 1978, 517 cases were filed. This figure represents a 10% increase over 1977 filings, and a 174% increase over 1970 figures.

In the face of these filings, the Supreme Court has also managed to increase its total productivity as measured through case dispositions. In 1978, dispositions totaled 475. This figure represents a 79% increase in the number of dispositions since 1974.

Civil and criminal appeals constituted the major business before the Supreme Court. In 1978, 71% (368) of all the cases filed in the Supreme Court were appeals from the state's lower courts. Of these appeals, 57% (294) were civil and 14% (74) were criminal, with original proceedings accounting for 29% (149) of the total caseload. While there has been a significant increase in the number of appellate matters since 1970, the percentage of those filings that are original proceedings appears to be declining.

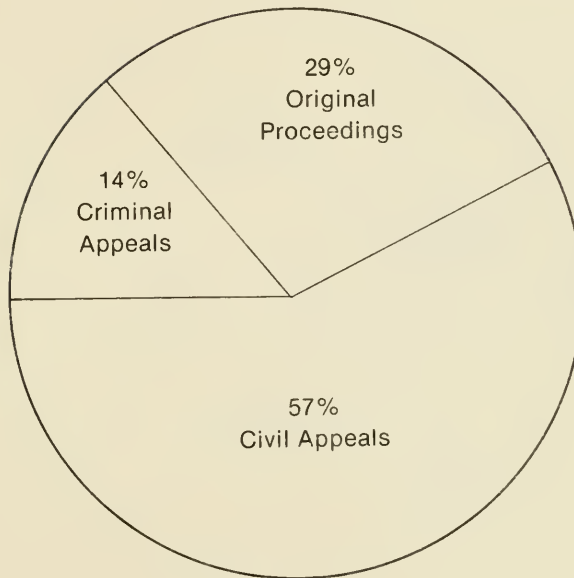
In the area of case dispositions, a significant majority of the total cases disposed in 1978 was by written opinion. In fact, 57% (269) of the total cases disposed in 1978 were by written opinion; 38% (182) were disposed of through denials or dismissals; and 5% (24) were disposed of by other means.

The tables and charts that follow provide a more comprehensive review of the caseload trends that have developed over the past eight years.

APPELLATE CASE FILINGS

Case Category Percentages

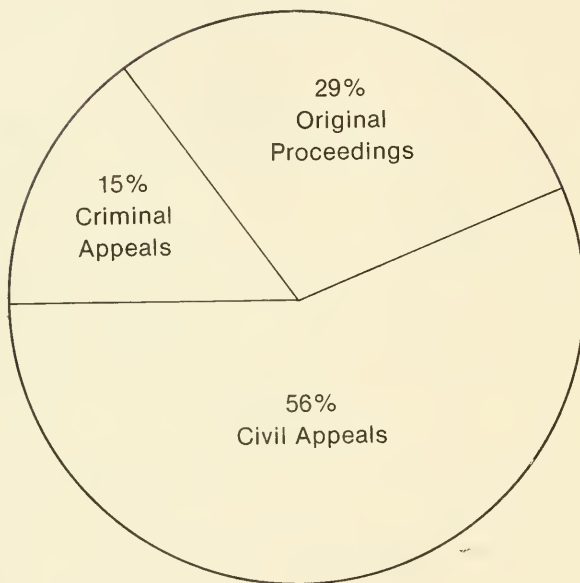
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APPELLATE CASE DISPOSITIONS

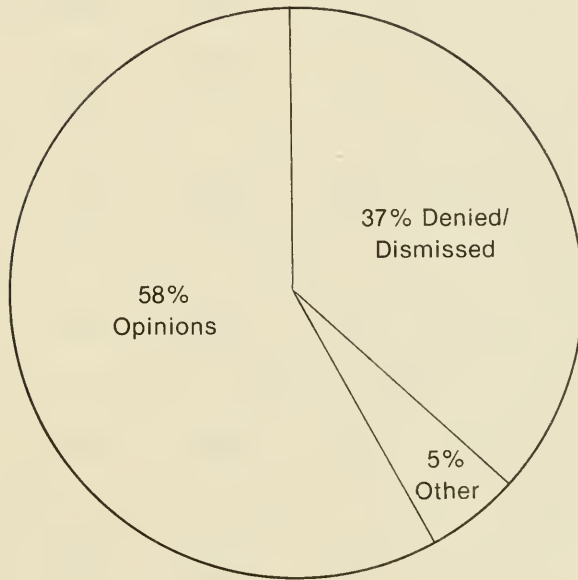
Case Category Percentages

(Total Dispositions = 475)



APPELLATE CASE DISPOSITIONS

Disposition Type Percentages



APPELLATE CASE FILING TRENDS

YEAR	ORIGINAL PROCEED.	% OF TOTAL CASELOAD	CIVIL APPEALS	% OF TOTAL CASELOAD	CRIMINAL APPEALS	% OF TOTAL CASELOAD	TOTAL CASELOAD
1970	68	36%	102	54%	19	10%	189
1971	62	32%	111	56%	24	12%	197
1972	69	29%	145	61%	22	9%	236
1973	85	36%	124	52%	30	12%	239
1974	83	30%	155	58%	31	12%	269
1975	113	38%	149	50%	37	12%	299
1976	118	29%	247	60%	44	11%	409
1977	92	20%	275	58%	102	22%	469
1978	149	29%	294	57%	74	14%	517

APPELLATE CASE FILING COMPARISONS

YEAR	CASE FILINGS	1978 FILINGS	% OF INCREASE
1970	189	517	174%
1971	197	517	162%
1972	236	517	119%
1973	239	517	116%
1974	269	517	92%
1975	299	517	73%
1976	409	517	26%
1977	469	517	10%

APPELLATE CASE DISPOSITION COMPARISONS

YEAR	CASE DISP'TIONS	1978 DISP'TIONS	% OF INCREASE
1974	265	475	79%
1975	279	475	70%
1976	295	475	61%
1977	463	475	3%

DISTRICT COURT STATISTICS



EXPLANATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The statistical summaries that follow reflect District Court caseload for the Fiscal Year - ending June 30, 1978. Case type filings are provided in seven (7) categories. These categories include the following types of filings:

CRIMINAL: Felonies; high misdemeanors; extraditions; criminal appeals (City and J.P.).

CIVIL: Personal injury; property damage; condemnation; lien; foreclosure; eviction; partition; quiet title; agreement suits; injunctions; declaratory judgments; certificate of amount due; warrant of distrain; abstract of judgment; transcript of judgment; mandamus; habeas corpus; habitual traffic offender; note; wage claim; amount due; unlawful detainer; zoning; taxes; and water rights.

DOMESTIC

RELATIONS: Marriage dissolution; invalid marriage; legal separation; URESA (outgoing); URESA (incoming); paternity.

JUVENILE: Youth in need of care (YINC); Youth in need of supervision (YINS).

PROBATE: Formal probate; informal probate; supervised probate; guardianship; conservatorship; trust.

INSANITY: Mentally ill; inebriation (commitments).

ADOPTIONS: Adoptions (minor or adult).

Column 1 (Original Filings) in each of the Caseload Tables reflects an actual count made by either the Clerk of the District Court or staff of the Court Administrator's Office for the previously mentioned period. Column 2 (Reopened Filings) is an estimated figure based on a statistical extrapolation from a 14-county sample, in which a physical count of case reopenings was made by either the Clerks of the District Court or Court Administrative staff. Column 3 (Total Filings) is again an estimated figure representing the addition of Columns 1 and 2.

Column 4 (Case Dispositions) is an estimated figure based on the statistical extrapolation of the 14-county sample. Column 5 (Dispositions - Average Time in Days) are actual time averages based on actual cases filed and disposed by the District Courts during the previously mentioned period of time. Some 25,000 District Court cases were analyzed by computer. None of the caseload figures attempt to reflect those cases handled by judges out-of-district through substitutions (disqualification) provisions.

The "Thruput" Column depicts the ratio between filings and dispositions. Since no attempt was made to compile a figure for the number of cases pending in the District Courts at the close of FY 1978, this ratio was derived as an indicator of how well the District Courts were coping with the workload confronting them.

Thruput can be visualized in the following manner. In order for a particular Court to stay even with the cases that are being filed, it must dispose of cases on a ratio of one to one. That is, one case filing must be equalled by one case disposition. If the ratio falls below a one to one ratio (one case is filed but only $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of a case is being disposed), the number of cases pending will increase. If the ratio is above a one to one ratio (one case is filed and two cases are disposed), the number of pending cases will decrease.

The ratio depicted in the Thruput column is a percentage. A figure of 100% indicates that the particular jurisdiction is staying even. A figure over 100% indicates that the particular jurisdiction is not only staying even but is disposing of cases that have accumulated as a

“backlog”. A figure below 100% indicates that that particular jurisdiction is not staying even with the cases that are being filed.

The Methods of Disposition Table reflects an actual percentage calculation based on the 25,000 District Court cases analyzed by computer. The figures derived for judicial district population, population density and square miles were obtained from tables provided by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana. The figures compiled for Attorney population were derived from the Montana Directory of Attorneys 1977-78. Excluded from this compilation were attorneys who were judges or high-ranking government officials.

BACKGROUND STATEMENT

The statistical tables that follow this narrative represent the first attempt, ever, by any agency of Montana state government to collect, complete and display general jurisdiction trial court data, indepth. Prior to this time, caseload data was collected on an ad hoc basis through statewide surveys. Little or no detailed breakdowns of case types was ever collected. Additionally, these surveys encountered definitional problems as to what should be counted by the Clerks of the Court as a "case". These definitional problems still exist, but a substantial beginning has been made over the last two years in defining, in uniform terms, what actions should be counted as cases and to which category of cases actions belong.

The judicial data displayed is another stone in the foundation layed during the 1977 Legislative session when the State of the Judiciary Address of the Chief Justice provided the first caseload information from the District Courts since a 1974 survey conducted by the Legislative Council. As stated in an interim study by the Subcommittee on the Judiciary, published in December of 1976:

"Sound judicial data are vital to managing and improving the courts. Without the information that statistics provide, a judicial system is not accountable to the citizens who benefit from and fund the courts. . . . Judicial statistics provide general information to the public and help channel legislative action into those areas of the judicial structure most in need of assistance. In the absence of sound judicial data, "assumptions are asserted as facts and conjecture as concrete suggestions."

¹ Joint Subcommittee on the Judiciary Report to the 45th Montana Legislature on Montana's District Courts, December, 1976, p. 12.

It is also important to note that the caseload figures depicted in the statistical tables are given equal weight. That is, because of the lack of more detailed case information, each case counted is assumed to demand an equal amount of judge time in its various forms. This assumption, of course, is false. "Differences in terms of court time, preparation by the judge, hearings by the judge in his chambers, motions, etc., all consume varying amounts of court time depending on the type of case before the court."² The inherent responsibilities related to cases, such as travel time and administration, are not quantified but should be kept in mind. "The variations in the way judges work, render any equation of workload and caseload imprecise."³

² Christopher A. Manning, **Judgeship Criteria: Standards for Evaluating the Need for Additional Judges** (Chicago: American Judicature Society Research Study, 1973), p. 11

³ Joint Subcommittee on the Judiciary Report, p. 35.

STATISTICAL FINDINGS

During Fiscal Year 1978 (July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978), the 56 District Courts of the state of Montana reported 27,868 original case filings. Cases that were reopened for consideration during the same period of time numbered 1,410. Totally then, the state's 29 District Judges were confronted with 29,278 cases. Of these case filings, 10% (2,842) pertained to criminal matters; 69% (20,185) were in the civil and domestic relations category; and the remaining 21% (6,251) were filings in the area of juvenile, probate, etc.

In response to these filings, the Montana District Court Judiciary disposed of 23,472 cases or approximately 80% of the total of the cases filed. There were 2,442 criminal case dispositions; 16,552 civil case dispositions; and 4,478 dispositions in the areas of juvenile, probate, etc.

Viewing these filings and dispositions in various groupings reveals that 59% (17,376) of these filings and 63% (14,821) of the dispositions took place in the seven (7) counties that had populations over 20,000; 24% (6,928) of the filings and 21% (5,018) of the dispositions in the 15 counties with populations between 10,000 and 20,000; and 17% (4,974) of the filings and 16% (3,633) of the dispositions in the 34 counties with populations under 10,000.

When grouped by attorney population, the seven (7) counties that have 30 or more attorneys again accounted for 59% of the filings and 63% of the dispositions; the nine (9) counties that have attorney populations between 11 and 30 accounted for 14% (4,128) of the filings and 13% (2,986) of the dispositions; and the remaining 40 counties with attorney populations under 11 accounted for 27% (7,774) of the statewide filings and 24% (5,665) of the dispositions.

While the more populous seven counties in terms of people and attorneys correlate well, when viewed in a grouping of population density, the highest density counties account for

only 34% (9,963) of the states case filings and 36% (8,473) of the dispositions, with those counties with the smallest density accounting for 44% (12,801) of the filings and 42% (9,897) of the dispositions.

As can be seen in the foregoing, these figures reveal that the Montana Judiciary at the District Court level was unable, on the whole, to keep abreast of the workload with which it was confronted in FY 1978. Specifically, while no exact pending case figures are available, it appears that District Court cases pending statewide, increased by 20% at the close of the period covered by this report.

Even so, based on computer analysis of District Court cases that were filed and disposed in FY 1978, the average "life" of a "typical" District Court case was 153 days. Criminal cases averaged 121 days in length, statewide; civil cases averaged 132 days.*

Within the 19 individual judicial districts, the length in time for a typical case ranged from 106 days to 290 days. Within the population groupings, counties with populations over 20,000 had an average time for all case types of 130 days; 171 days was recorded for counties with populations between 10,000 and 20,000; and for those counties with populations below 10,000, the average length was 216 days.

Review of the case filing to disposition ratio, depicted as "Thruput," reveals, as indicated previously, that statewide, the District Court Judiciary disposed of 80% of the total of the cases filed during the period covered by this report. Within the population ranges, the seven (7) most populous counties had a Thruput figure of 85% while the medium and smaller populated counties recorded a Thruput ratio of 72% and 73%, respectfully. Within the individual judicial districts, the Thruput ratio ranged from a low of 70% to a high of 104%.

* These figures are averaged. Our data was not complete enough to determine a more complete breakdown within the broad categories of Criminal and Civil cases.

The following tables and charts provide an indepth review of the workload confronting the Montana's District Courts in FY 1978.

STATE SUMMARY
OF
DISTRICT COURT DATA



SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

STATE SUMMARY

POPULATION(7/1/1977) 761200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 145319
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 5.238

DISTRICT COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS 56
 TOTAL JUDGES 19
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1232

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	2550	292	2842	2442	121	85
(2) CIVIL CASES	19347	838	20185	16552	132	82
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	11654	304	11958	9766	151	81
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7693	534	8227	6786	106	82
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	5971	280	6251	4478	263	71
JUVENILE (DJ)	1276	105	1381	1005	76	72
ADOPTION (DA)	786	3	789	685	36	86
PRIBATE (DP)	3537	167	3704	2497	414	67
INSANITY (DI)	372	5	377	291	20	77
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	27868	1410	29278	23472	153	80

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

— CRIMINAL —

ACQUITTED 2
 GUILTY PLEA 60
 GUILTY VERD 5
 DISMISSED 20
 DEFAULT 2
 CH OF VENUE 3
 OTHER 11
 NOT KNOWN 2

— CIVIL & DOM REL —

FOR DEFEND 2
 FOR PLAINT 23
 DISMISSED 17
 DEFAULT 34
 CH OF VENUE 2
 OTHER 22
 NOT KNOWN 0

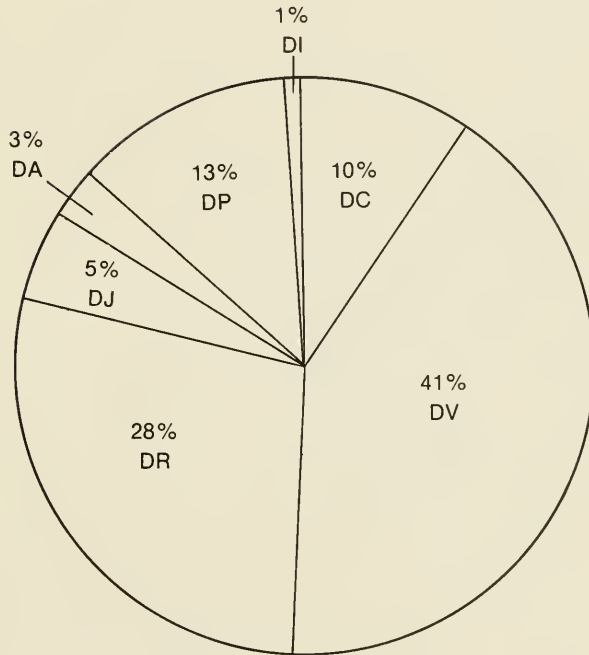
— JUV. PROB & MISC —

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 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 5
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 3
 OTHER 88
 NOT KNOWN 3

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

Case Type Percentages

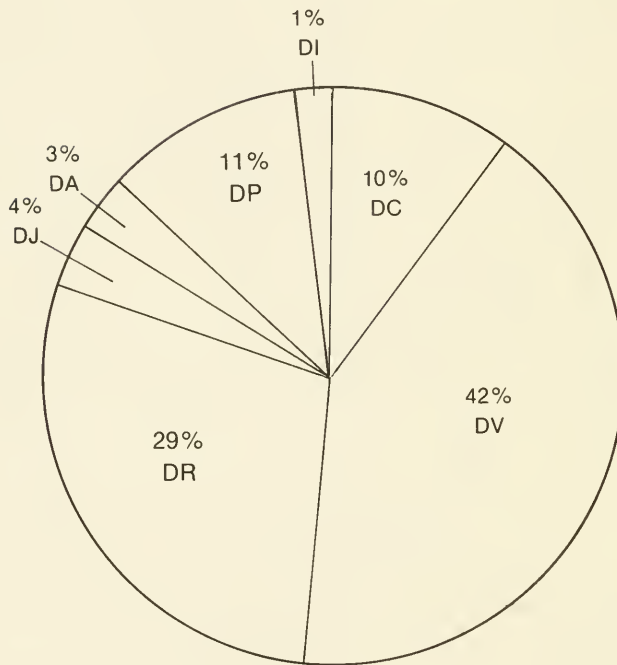
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DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Case Type Percentages

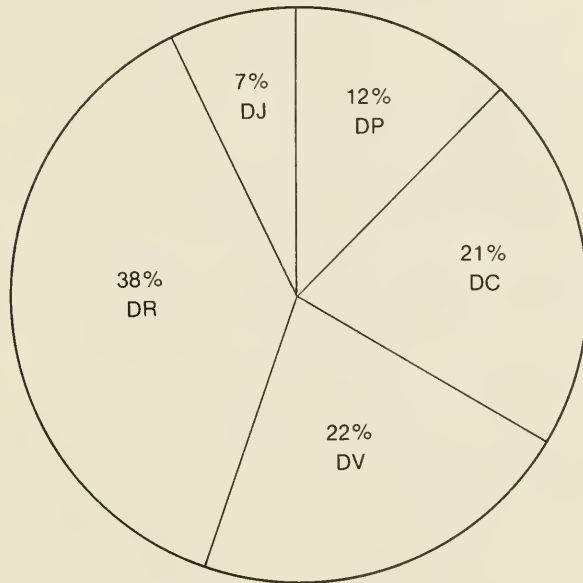
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DISTRICT COURT CASE REOPENINGS

Case Type Percentages

(Total Reopenings = 1,410)

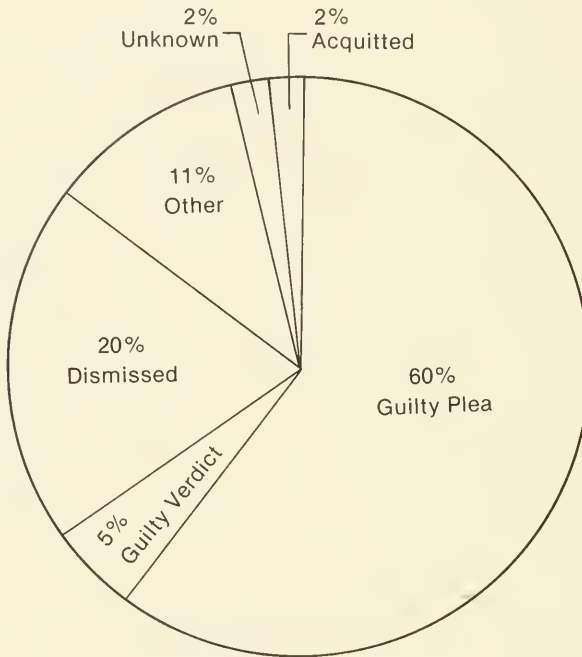


NOTE: DA & DI make up less than 1%.

DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL CASE DISPOSITIONS

Disposition Method Percentages

(Criminal Dispositions = 2,442)

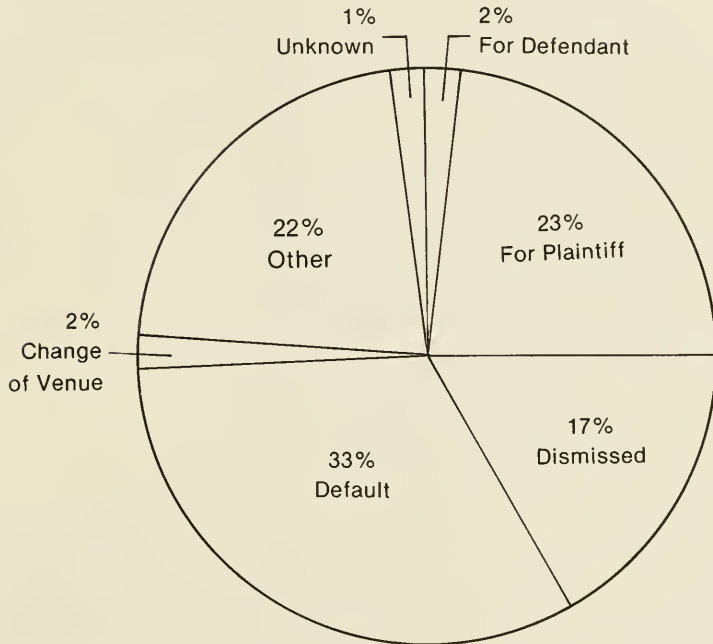


NOTE: Change of Venue & Default make up less than 1%.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASE DISPOSITIONS

Disposition Method Percentages

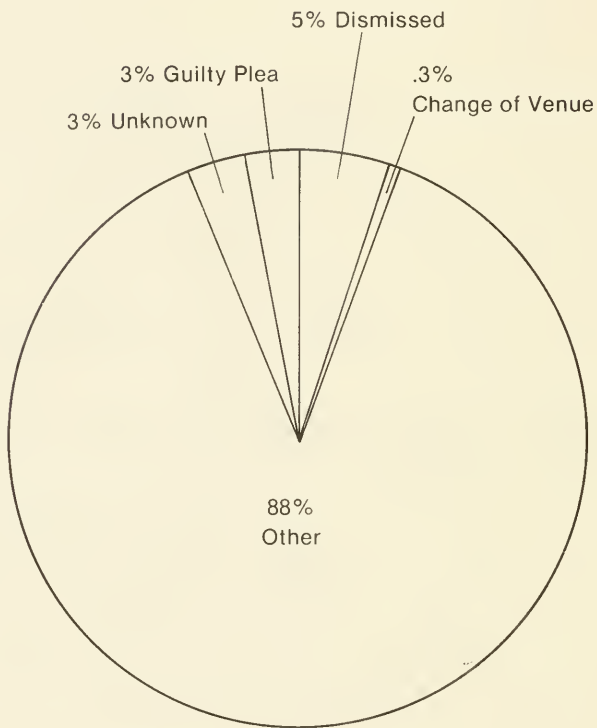
(Civil Dispositions = 16,552)



DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE, PROBATE, MISC. CASE DISPOSITIONS

Disposition Method Percentages

(Juvenile, Etc., Dispositions = 4,478)



NOTE 1: *Acquitted, Guilty Verdict, and Default all make up less than 1%.*

NOTE 2: *Disposition Type Other is disproportionate due to inadequacy of "old" reporting form disposition classifications.*

POPULATION GROUPINGS

1. Counties under 10,000 population:

Petroleum	700	Mineral	3,400
Golden Valley	900	Fallon	4,000
Treasure	1,300	Musselshell	4,700
Wibaux	1,500	Sheridan	5,200
Prairie	1,800	Stillwater	5,300
Garfield	1,800	Phillips	5,400
Carter	1,800	Toole	5,500
Meagher	2,200	Madison	5,700
Powder River	2,400	Teton	6,500
Wheatland	2,400	Chouteau	6,500
Liberty	2,600	Blaine	7,000
Granite	2,700	Jefferson	7,100
Judith Basin	2,800	Pondera	7,400
McCone	2,800	Powell	7,400
Sweet Grass	3,100	Beaverhead	8,200
Broadwater	3,100	Carbon	8,200
Daniels	3,100	Sanders	8,400

2. Counties between 10,000 and 20,000population:

Richland	10,200	Custer	13,100
Rosebud	10,500	Fergus	13,300
Roosevelt	10,600	Deer Lodge	14,300
Big Horn	10,700	Lincoln	16,700
Glacier	10,900	Lake	17,600
Dawson	11,400	Hill	18,300
Park	12,500	Ravalli	19,300
Valley	12,600		

3. Counties over 20,000 population:

Cascade	84,400	Missoula	66,800
Flathead	46,400	Silver Bow	40,200
Gallatin	38,500	Yellowstone	100,700
Lewis & Clark	39,300		

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY POPULATION RANGE
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 142900
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 78846
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.812

POPULATION CATEGORY 1
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 34
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 105

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	431	30	461	372	121	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	2999	148	3147	2341	157	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2014	98	2112	1532	186	72
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	985	50	1035	809	112	78
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	1319	47	1366	920	375	67
JUVENILE (DJ)	173	12	185	103	66	55
ADOPTION (DA)	123	0	123	84	53	68
PROBATE (DP)	997	35	1032	714	433	69
INSANITY (DI)	26	0	26	19	7	73
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4749	225	4974	3633	216	73

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 6		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 196	FOR DEFEND 24	GUILTY PLEA 11
GUILTY VERD 14	FOR PLAINT 282	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 72	DISMISSED 384	DISMISSED 21
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 549	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 60	CH OF VENUE 2
OTHER 57	OTHER 956	OTHER 797
NOT KNOWN 8	NOT KNOWN 62	NOT KNOWN 70

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY POPULATION RANGE
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 202000
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 46713
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.324

POPULATION CATEGORY 2
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 15
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 174

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	ORIG	FILINGS RE-OP	TOTAL	DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	673	51	724	800	99	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	4293	241	4534	3472	154	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2448	79	2527	2009	174	79
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1845	162	2007	1463	132	72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	1612	58	1670	946	284	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	345	13	358	270	83	75
ADOPTION (DA)	178	1	179	173	39	96
PROBATE (DP)	979	43	1022	396	442	38
INSANITY (DI)	110	1	111	107	35	96
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	6578	350	6928	5018	171	72

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 13	FOR DEFEND 55	ACQUITTED 2
GUILTY PLEA 456	FOR PLAINT 586	GUILTY PLEA 19
GUILTY VERD 62	DISMISSED 644	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 101	DEFAULT 993	DISMISSED 34
DEFAULT 2	CH OF VENUE 79	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 6	OTHER 899	CH OF VENUE 8
OTHER 57	NOT KNOWN 59	OTHER 879
NOT KNOWN 8		NOT KNOWN 6

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY POPULATION RANGE	
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	416300
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	19760
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	21.068

POPULATION CATEGORY	3
COUNTIES IN CATEGORY	7
ATTORNEY POPULATION	953

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1446	211	1657	1470	132	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	12055	449	12504	10739	119	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	7192	127	7319	6225	137	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	4863	322	5185	4514	94	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	3040	175	3215	2612	193	81
JUVENILE (DJ)	758	80	838	632	74	75
ADOPTION (DA)	485	2	487	428	35	87
PROBATE (DP)	1561	89	1650	1387	375	84
INSANITY (DI)	236	4	240	165	15	68
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	16541	835	17376	14821	130	85

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

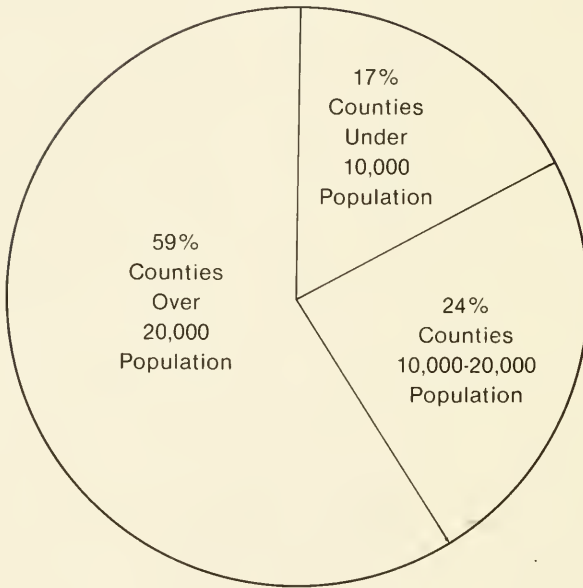
--- CRIMINAL ---	--- CIVIL & DOM REL ---	--- JUV, PROB & MISC ---
ACQUITTED 32		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 963	FUR DEFEND 196	GUILTY PLEA 101
GUILTY VERD 71	FUR PLAINT 2908	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 375	DISMISSED 1855	DISMISSED 132
DEFAULT 2	DEFAULT 4048	DEFAULT 1
CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 221	CH OF VENUE 3
OTHER 171	OTHER 1796	OTHER 1707
NOT KNOWN 33	NOT KNOWN 39	NOT KNOWN 44

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

By Population Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES 10,000 TO 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES BELOW 10,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,842	1,657	58.3%	724	25.5%	461	16.2%
DV (Civil)	11,958	7,319	61.2%	2,527	21.1%	2,112	17.7%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	8,227	5,185	63.0%	2,007	24.4%	1,035	12.6%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,381	838	60.7%	358	26.0%	185	13.4%
DA (Adopt.)	789	487	61.7%	179	22.7%	123	15.6%
DP (Probate)	3,704	1,650	44.5%	1,022	27.6%	1,032	27.9%
DI (Insanity)	377	240	63.7%	111	29.4%	26	7.0%
GRAND TOTAL	29,278	17,376	59.3%	6,928	23.7%	4,974	17.0%

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS
By Population Groupings

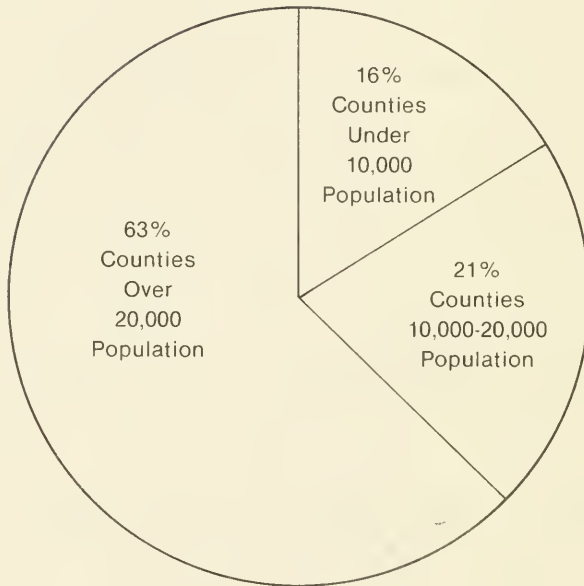


DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

By Population Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES 10,000 TO 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES BELOW 10,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,442	1,470	60.2%	600	24.6%	372	15.2%
DV (Civil)	9,766	6,225	63.7%	2,009	20.6%	1,532	15.7%
DR (Dom.Rel.)	6,786	4,514	66.5%	1,463	21.5%	809	11.9%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,005	632	62.9%	270	26.7%	103	10.2%
DA (Adopt.)	685	428	62.5%	173	25.7%	84	12.3%
DP (Probate)	2,497	1,387	55.5%	396	15.9%	714	28.6%
DI (Insanity)	291	165	56.7%	107	36.8%	19	7.0%
GRAND TOTAL	23,472	14,821	63.1%	5,018	21.4%	3,633	15.6%

DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS
By Population Groupings



DISTRICT COURT CASE PROFILES

By Population Groupings—(Average Time From Filing To Disposition)

CASE TYPE	STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	DAYS OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES 1,000 TO 20,000 POP.	DAYS OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES UNDER 10,000 POP.	DAYS OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE
DC (Criminal)	121	132	+ 11	99	— 22	121	0
DV (Civil)	151	137	— 14	174	+ 23	186	+ 35
DR (Dom. Rel.)	106	94	— 12	132	+ 26	112	+ 6
DJ (Juvenile)	76	74	— 2	83	+ 7	66	— 10
DA (Adopt.)	38	35	— 3	39	+ 1	53	+ 15
DP (Probate)	414	375	— 39	442	+ 28	433	+ 29
DI (Insanity)	20	15	— 5	35	+ 15	7	— 13
GRAND TOTAL	153	130	—23	171	+ 18	216	+ 63

DISTRICT COURT “THRU-PUT” RATIOS

By Population Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	% OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES 10,000 TO 20,000 POP.	% OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES UNDER 10,000 POP.	% OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE
DC (Criminal)	85	88	+ 3	82	— 3	80	— 5
DV (Civil)	81	85	+ 4	79	— 2	72	— 9
DR (Dom. Rel.)	82	87	+ 5	72	— 10	78	— 4
DJ (Juvenile)	72	75	+ 3	75	+ 3	55	— 17
DA (Adopt.)	86	87	+ 1	96	+ 10	68	— 18
DP (Probate)	67	84	+ 17	38	— 29	69	+ 2
DI (Insanity)	77	68	— 9	96	+ 19	73	— 4
GRAND TOTAL	80	85	+ 5	72	— 8	73	— 7

ATTORNEY POPULATION GROUPINGS

1. Attorney population between 1 and 10:

Lincoln	10	Musselshell	4
Park	10	Fallon	3
Big Horn	10	Mineral	2
Roosevelt	9	Daniels	2
Rosebud	6	Broadwater	4
Richland	8	Sweet Grass	5
Sanders	5	McCone	1
Carbon	4	Judith Basin	2
Beaverhead	9	Liberty	2
Powell	7	Wheatland	1
Pondera	7	Powder River	1
Jefferson	5	Meagher	1
Blaine	4	Carter	2
Chouteau	4	Garfield	1
Teton	4	Prairie	1
Madison	3	Wibaux	1
Toole	6	Treasure	1
Phillips	3	Golden Valley	1
Stillwater	5	Petroleum	0
Sheridan	3		

2. Attorney population between 11 and 30:

Glacier	14	Deer Lodge	11
Valley	11	Lake	15
Custer	17	Hill	20
Fergus	15	Ravalli	14

3. Attorney Population over 30:

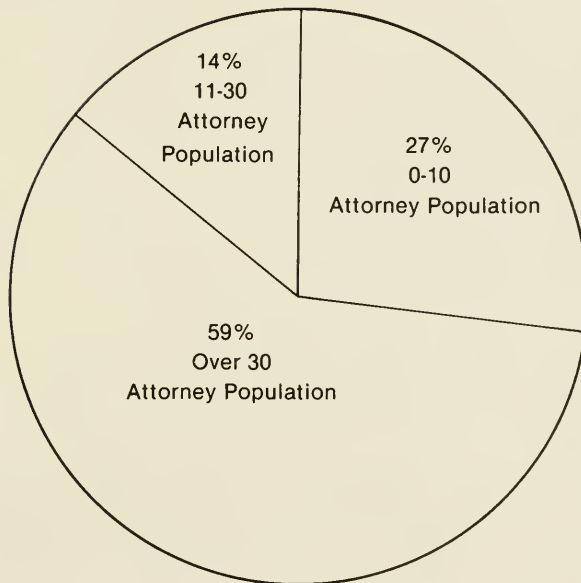
Gallatin	57	Missoula	158
Lewis & Clark	212	Cascade	148
Silver Bow	95	Yellowstone	217
Flathead	66		

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

By Attorney Population Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. OVER 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 11 & 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 0 & 10	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,842	1,657	58.3%	407	14.3%	778	27.4%
DV (Civil)	11,958	7,319	61.2%	1,563	13.0%	3,076	25.7%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	8,227	5,185	63.0%	1,142	13.9%	1,900	23.1%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,381	838	60.6%	209	15.1%	334	24.1%
DA (Adopt.)	789	487	61.7%	98	12.4%	204	25.8%
DP (Probate)	3,704	1,650	44.5%	618	16.6%	1,436	38.7%
DI (Insanity)	377	240	63.7%	91	24.1%	46	12.2%
GRAND TOTAL	29,278	17,376	59.3%	4,128	14.1%	7,774	26.6%

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS
By Attorney Population Groupings

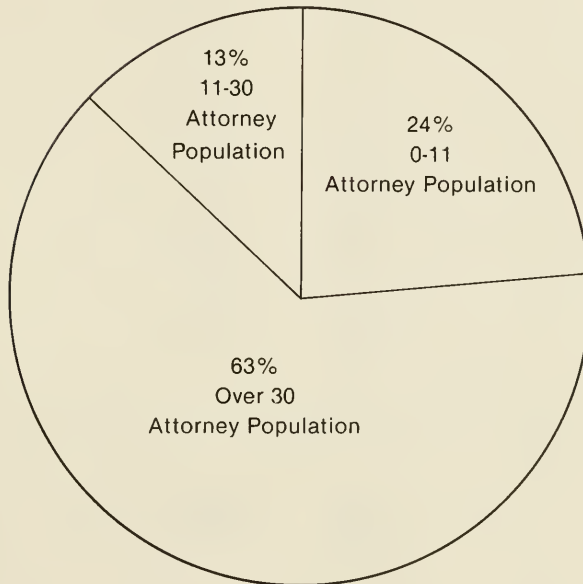


DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

By Attorney Population Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. OVER 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 11 & 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 0 & 10	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,442	1,470	60.2%	337	13.8%	635	26.0%
DV (Civil)	9,766	6,225	63.7%	1,235	12.6%	2,306	23.6%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	6,786	4,514	66.5%	831	12.2%	1,441	21.2%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,005	632	62.9%	159	15.8%	214	21.3%
DA (Adopt.)	685	428	62.5%	95	13.9%	162	23.6%
DP (Probate)	2,497	1,387	55.5%	239	9.6%	871	34.9%
DI (Insanity)	291	165	56.7%	90	30.9%	36	12.4%
GRAND TOTAL	23,472	14,821	63.1%	2,986	12.7%	5,665	24.1%

DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS
By Attorney Population Groupings



POPULATION DENSITY GROUPINGS

1. Population density between 1 and 5 people per square mile:

Beaverhead	1.477	McCone	1.074
Big Horn	2.130	Madison	1.616
Blaine	1.637	Meagher	0.935
Broadwater	2.598	Mineral	2.782
Carbon	3.969	Musselshell	2.491
Carter	0.543	Park	4.760
Chouteau	1.655	Petroleum	0.423
Custer	3.488	Phillips	1.036
Daniels	2.148	Pondera	4.498
Dawson	4.810	Powder River	0.730
Fallon	2.449	Powell	3.168
Fergus	3.135	Prairie	1.040
Garfield	0.404	Richland	4.906
Glacier	3.677	Roosevelt	4.444
Golden Valley	0.765	Rosebud	2.085
Granite	1.558	Sanders	3.024
Jefferson	4.298	Sweet Grass	1.685
Judith Basin	1.489	Stillwater	2.954
Liberty	1.807	Sheridan	3.070
Lincoln	4.496	Teton	2.833
Valley	2.533	Toole	2.821
Wheatland	1.690	Treasure	1.320
Wibaux	1.685		

2. Population density over 5 and under 15 people per square mile:

Flathead	9.033	Lewis & Clark	11.306
Hill	6.252	Ravalli	8.102
Lake	11.780		

3. Population density over 15 people per square mile:

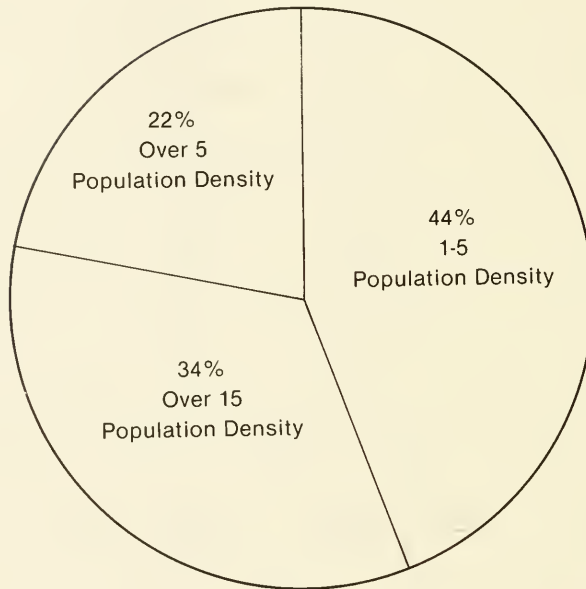
Deer Lodge	19.324	Silver Bow	56.224
Gallatin	15.296	Yellowstone	38.115
Missoula	25.574	Cascade	31.717

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

By Population Density Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 5 & UNDER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY BETWEEN 1 & 5 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,842	956	33.6%	628	22.1%	1,258	44.3%
DV (Civil)	11,958	4,119	34.4%	2,681	22.4%	5,158	43.1%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	8,227	2,991	36.4%	1,716	20.9%	3,520	42.8%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,381	452	32.7%	578	41.9%	351	25.4%
DA (Adopt.)	789	252	31.9%	209	26.5%	328	41.6%
DP (Probate)	3,704	972	26.2%	667	18.0%	2,065	55.8%
DI (Insanity)	377	221	58.6%	35	9.0%	121	32.1%
GRAND TOTAL	29,278	9,963	34.0%	6,514	22.2%	12,801	43.7%

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS
By Population Density Groupings

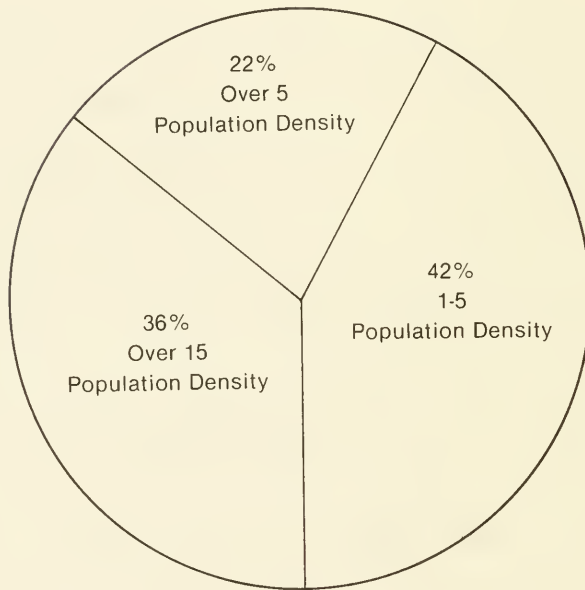


DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

By Population Density Groupings

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 5 & UNDER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY Between 1 & 5 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,442	883	36.2%	522	21.4%	1,037	42.5%
DV (Civil)	9,766	3,505	35.9%	2,145	22.0%	4,116	42.1%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	6,786	2,555	37.7%	1,399	20.6%	2,832	41.7%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,005	335	33.3%	445	44.3%	225	22.4%
DA (Adopt.)	685	230	33.6%	163	23.8%	292	42.6%
DP (Probate)	2,497	815	32.6%	399	16.0%	1,283	51.4%
DI (Insanity)	291	150	51.5%	29	10.0%	112	38.5%
GRAND TOTAL	23,472	8,473	36.1%	5,102	21.7%	9,897	42.2%

DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS
By Population Density Groupings



JUDGE ASSIGNMENT GROUPINGS

1. Counties served by one Judge Districts: (12 Judges represented)

Powell	Fergus
Deer Lodge	Judith Basin
Granite	Liberty
Jefferson	Hill
Madison	Blaine
Beaverhead	Wheatland
Park	Golden Valley
Sweet Grass	Meagher
McCone	Musselshell
Richland	Sheridan
Dawson	Daniels
Wibaux	Roosevelt
Toole	Valley
Glacier	Phillips
Teton	Gallatin
Pondera	Lincoln
Petroleum	

2. Counties served by two Judge Districts: (8 Judges represented)

Lewis & Clark	Custer
Broadwater	Carter
Silver Bow	Prairie
Flathead	Powder River
Garfield	Rosebud
Fallon	

3. Counties served by three Judge Districts: (9 Judges represented)

Sanders	Cascade
Lake	Carbon
Missoula	Treasure
Mineral	Big Horn
Ravalli	Stillwater
Chouteau	Yellowstone

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 264200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 82000
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.222

JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 33
 JUDGES REPRESENTED 12
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 241

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	801	59	920	749	101	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	5424	242	5666	4497	162	79
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	3428	132	3560	2719	193	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1996	110	2106	1778	124	84
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	2219	81	2300	1520	338	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	410	25	435	307	76	70
ADOPTION (DA)	237	1	238	200	45	84
PROBATE (DP)	1445	54	1499	897	435	59
INSANITY (DI)	127	1	128	116	46	90
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	6504	382	6886	5766	193	76

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 16	FOR DEFEND 79	ACQUITTED 2
GUILTY PLEA 499	FOR PLAINT 638	GUILTY PLEA 23
GUILTY VERD 57	DISMISSED 826	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 144	DEFAULT 1431	DISMISSED 32
DEFAULT 9	CH OF VENUE 79	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 7	OTHER 1335	CH OF VENUE 6
OTHER 137	NOT KNOWN 82	OTHER 1246
NOT KNOWN 15		NOT KNOWN 65

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SUMMARY BY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 164400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 33733
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.874

JUDGES ASSIGNED 2
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 11
 JUDGES REPRESENTED 8
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 408

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	556	78	634	541	126	85
(2) CIVIL CASES	4600	223	4823	3941	120	81
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2813	60	2873	2328	143	81
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1767	163	1950	1613	92	82
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	1380	58	1438	1022	175	71
JUVENILE (DJ)	337	25	362	245	52	67
ADOPTION (DA)	177	0	177	140	33	79
PROBATE (DP)	803	31	834	591	293	70
INSANITY (DI)	63	2	65	46	2	70
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	6536	359	6895	5504	129	79

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 14		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 389	FOR DEFEND 59	GUILTY PLEA 6
GUILTY VERD 31	FOR PLAINT 1200	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 159	DISMISSED 735	DISMISSED 25
DEFAULT 2	DEFAULT 1292	DEFAULT 1
CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 96	CH OF VENUE 5
OTHER 42	OTHER 544	OTHER 718
NOT KNOWN 29	NOT KNOWN 41	NOT KNOWN 39

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 332600
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 29586
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.242

JUDGES ASSIGNED	3
COUNTIES IN CATEGORY	12
JUDGES REPRESENTED	9
ATTORNEY POPULATION	583

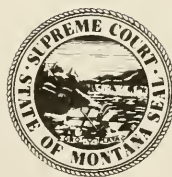
C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	1133	155	1288	1152	131	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	9323	373	9696	8114	123	83
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	5413	112	5525	4719	137	85
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	3910	261	4171	3395	103	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	2372	141	2513	1936	245	77
JUVENILE (DJ)	520	55	584	453	89	77
ADOPTION (DA)	372	2	374	345	38	92
PROBATE (DP)	1289	82	1371	1009	450	73
INSANITY (DI)	182	2	184	129	15	70
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	12428	669	13497	11202	143	82

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	21			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	736	FOR DEFEND	137	GUILTY PLEA	102
GUILTY VERD	59	FOR PLAINT	1938	GUILTY VERD	1
DISMISSED	245	DISMISSED	1322	DISMISSED	130
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	2867	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	185	CH OF VENUE	2
OTHER	106	OTHER	1772	OTHER	1479
NOT KNOWN	7	NOT KNOWN	37	NOT KNOWN	1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY
OF
DISTRICT COURT DATA



JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY COMPOSITION

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Broadwater
Lewis & Clark

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cascade
Chouteau

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Silver Bow

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Glacier
Pondera
Teton
Toole

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Deer Lodge
Granite
Powell

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Fergus
Judith Basin
Petroleum

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lake
Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Flathead

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Beaverhead
Jefferson
Madison

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Park
Sweet Grass

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Treasure
Yellowstone

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dawson
McCone
Richland
Wibaux

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Golden Valley
Meagher
Musselshell
Wheatland

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Daniels
Sheridan
Roosevelt

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Garfield
Powder River
Prairie
Rosebud

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Philips
Valley

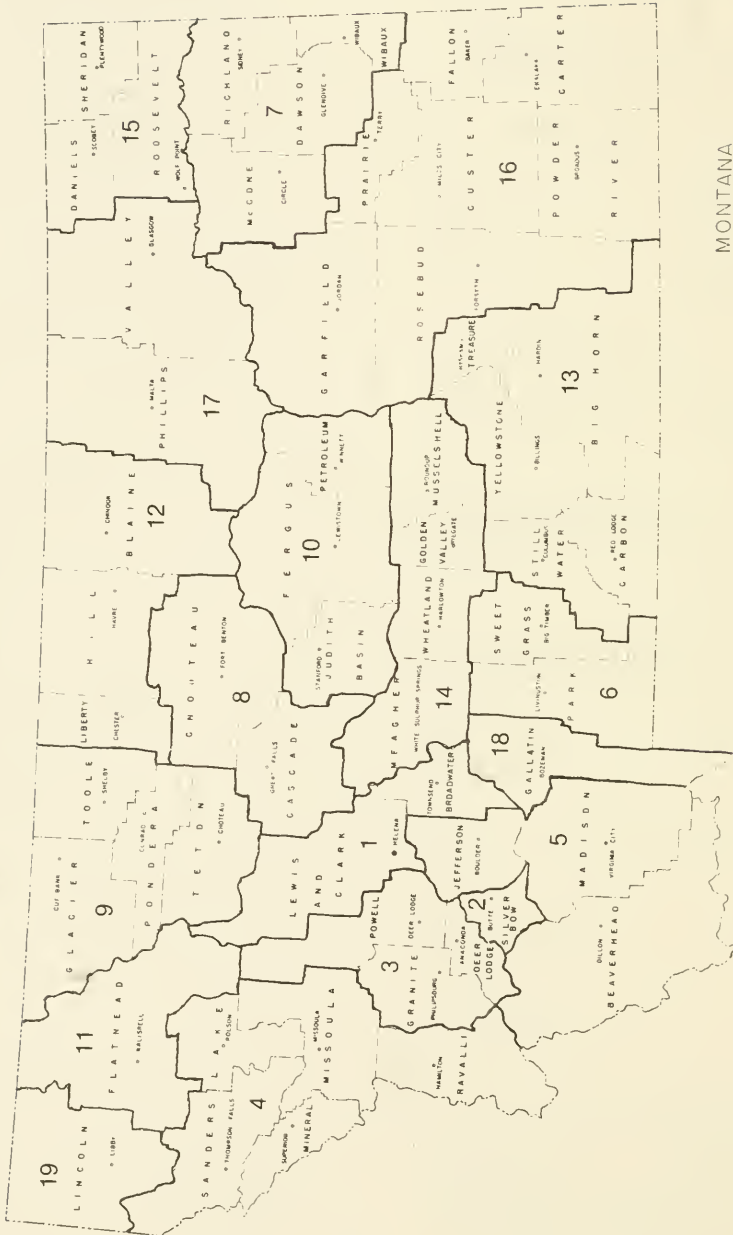
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Gallatin

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lincoln

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

MONTANA
COUNTIES & COUNTY SEATS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMPARISONS

Judicial Districts	Filings Per Judge	Rank	Disp. Per Judge	Rank	Pop. Per Judge	Rank	Pop. Density	Rank	Square Miles Per Judge	Rank	Attorneys Per Judge	Rank	Average Rank	Rank
1 st District	1,140	4	926	5	21,200	8	9.1	6	2,335	17	108	1	6.8	5
2nd District	676	12	571	12	20,100	10	56.2	1	358	19	48	6	10.0	12
3 rd District	843	11	631	10	24,400	6	5.1	8	4,809	10	19	10	9.2	10
4 th District	1,559	2	1,258	2	38,500	2	11.0	4	3,496	14	65	3	4.5	2
5 th District	1,031	7	699	9	21,000	9	2.0	15	10,731	2	17	11	8.8	9
6 th District	615	13	445	14	15,600	16	3.5	10	4,466	11	15	13	12.8	14
7 th District	893	10	609	11	25,900	5	3.3	12	7,946	6	14	14	9.7	11
8 th District	1,284	3	1,107	3	30,300	3	13.8	3	2,196	18	51	5	5.8	3
9 th District	906	9	706	8	30,300	3	3.4	11	8,853	4	31	8	7.2	6
10 th District	539	17	388	17	16,800	14	2.2	14	7,777	7	17	11	13.3	16
11 th District	1,063	5	833	6	23,200	7	9.0	7	2,569	15	33	7	7.8	8
12 th District	1,054	6	792	7	27,900	4	3.2	13	8,641	5	26	9	7.3	7
13 th District	1,656	1	1,369	1	42,067	1	10.1	5	4,170	12	79	2	3.7	1
14 th District	353	19	259	19	10,200	17	1.5	17	6,837	8	7	16	16.0	18
15 th District	476	18	334	18	18,900	11	3.4	11	5,522	9	14	14	13.5	17
16 th District	570	15	423	15	17,700	13	1.5	17	11,606	1	16	12	12.2	13
17 th District	550	16	392	16	18,000	12	1.8	16	10,187	3	14	14	12.8	14
18 th District	1,015	8	1,056	4	38,500	2	15.3	2	2,517	16	57	4	6.0	4
19 th District	611	14	455	13	16,700	15	4.5	9	3,714	13	10	15	13.2	15
State Average	1,010		809		26,248		5.2		5,011		42			

DISTRICT COURT CASE PROFILES

By Judicial District
(Average Time From Filing To Disposition)

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS	DC	DV	DR	DJ	DA	DP	DI	JUD DIST. AVE.
1 st	127	148	91	35	28	329	—0—	133
2nd	121	240	84	—0—	36	246	—0—	160
3 rd	95	111	78	22	44	281	583	106
4 th	118	136	102	108	33	533	6	144
5 th	116	176	94	68	104	313	—0—	151
6 th	137	164	119	67	17	656	—0—	258
7 th	65	164	104	43	23	377	2	176
8 th	184	104	75	72	30	416	16	114
9 th	158	263	191	52	44	582	13	290
10 th	76	147	88	172	38	334	7	152
11 th	138	113	96	118	32	254	5	110
12 th	132	190	144	60	66	399	41	202
13 th	109	164	125	93	59	409	16	165
14 th	40	161	109	18	41	285	—0—	135
15 th	25	262	217	4	11	442	4	267
16 th	104	116	97	77	41	293	1	125
17 th	117	94	134	—0—	14	340	—0—	140
18 th	46	218	84	27	40	283	—0—	138
19 th	165	193	95	47	99	531	5	156
STATE AVERAGE	121	151	106	76	38	414	20	153

DISTRICT COURT CASE “THRU-PUT”

By Judicial District

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS	DC	DV	DR	DJ	DA	DP	DI	JUD DIST. AVE.
1 st	75	76	94	72	81	82	85	81
2nd	88	85	87	74	88	83	67	84
3 rd	81	76	76	66	94	51	100	74
4 th	100	76	82	82	94	67	90	80
5 th	65	62	81	76	92	71	85	67
6 th	80	78	74	77	100	37	85	72
7 th	75	71	71	93	103	40	100	68
8 th	83	90	81	88	92	81	103	86
9 th	74	86	76	37	56	77	50	77
10 th	82	77	76	75	88	49	100	71
11 th	89	82	77	53	66	64	42	78
12 th	87	79	75	70	90	61	90	75
13 th	82	89	80	62	89	73	47	82
14 th	92	66	89	54	100	62	100	73
15 th	84	73	74	54	36	66	100	70
16 th	93	85	66	66	87	50	85	74
17 th	84	76	79	70	100	39	100	71
18 th	87	92	140	76	96	103	80	104
19 th	80	77	78	74	93	37	50	74
STATE AVE.	85	81	82	72	86	67	77	80

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 42400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4669
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 9.081

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 1
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 216

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	184	27	211	159	127	75
(2) CIVIL CASES	1596	52	1648	1362	121	82
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	1050	19	1069	815	148	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	546	33	579	547	91	94
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	402	19	420	331	171	78
JUVENILE (DJ)	130	6	136	98	35	72
ADOPTION (DA)	53	0	53	43	28	81
PROBATE (DP)	206	11	217	178	329	82
INSANITY (PI)	13	1	14	12	0	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2182	97	2279	1852	133	81

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	1	FOR DEFEND	2	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	59	FOR PLAINT	23	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	2	DISMISSED	21	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	23	DEFAULT	36	DISMISSED	2
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	4	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	13	CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	15	NOT KNOWN	1	OTHER	97
NOT KNOWN	0			NOT KNOWN	0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 40200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 715
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 56.224

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 2
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 95

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	73	11	84	74	121	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	854	32	886	761	157	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	506	9	515	438	240	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	348	23	371	323	84	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	359	22	381	307	202	80
JUVENILE (DJ)	82	9	91	68	0	74
ADOPTION (DA)	35	0	35	31	36	88
PROBATE (DP)	206	12	218	183	246	83
INSANITY (DI)	36	1	37	25	0	67
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1286	65	1351	1142	160	84

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	6			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	61	FDP DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	7	FDR PLAINT	4	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	22	DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	62	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	2	OTHER	12	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 24400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4809
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 5.074

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 19

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)		
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	61	5	66	54	95	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	510	25	535	409	90	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	333	9	342	261	111	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	177	16	193	148	78	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	234	8	242	168	185	69
JUVENILE (DJ)	46	4	50	33	22	66
ADOPTION (DA)	18	0	18	17	44	94
PROBATE (DP)	111	4	115	59	281	51
INSANITY (DI)	59	0	59	59	583	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	805	38	843	631	106	74

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	59	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	19	FUR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	6	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	5	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	11	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 115500
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 10468
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.013

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 194

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU(OUTPUT)
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	414	57	471	474	118	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	3187	179	3366	2671	122	79
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	1794	49	1843	1419	136	76
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	1393	130	1523	1252	102	82
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	781	59	840	629	305	74
JUVENILE (DJ)	156	19	175	145	108	82
ADOPTION (DA)	107	0	107	101	53	94
PROBATE (DP)	498	38	536	363	533	67
INSANITY (DI)	20	2	22	20	6	90
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4382	295	4677	3774	144	80

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---
 ACQUITTED 3
 GUILTY PLEA 75
 GUILTY VERD 7
 DISMISSED 11
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 4
 NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-
 FOR DEFEND 1
 FOR PLAINT 11
 DISMISSED 17
 DEFAULT 42
 CH OF VENUE 2
 OTHER 28
 NOT KNOWN 1

-JUV, PROB & MISC
 ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 5
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 4
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 89
 NOT KNOWN 2

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 21000
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 10731
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.957

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 5
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 17

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	78	10	88	58	116	65
(2) CIVIL CASES	732	64	796	531	144	66
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	571	60	631	397	176	62
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	161	4	165	134	94	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	137	10	147	110	232	74
JUVENILE (DJ)	24	1	25	19	68	76
ADOPTION (DA)	14	0	14	13	104	92
PROBATE (DP)	92	9	101	72	313	71
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	6	0	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	947	84	1031	699	151	67

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	3		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	51	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	3
GUILTY VERD	6	FOR PLAINT	10	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	3	DISMISSED	8	DISMISSED	3
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	41	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	31	OTHER	35	OTHER	94
NOT KNOWN	6	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN	0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 15600
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4466
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3,493

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 6
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 15

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	Ave TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	67	4	71	57	137	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	378	22	400	307	146	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	194	5	199	157	164	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	184	17	201	150	119	74
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	140	4	144	81	558	56
JUVENILE (PJ)	34	1	35	27	67	77
ADOPTION (DA)	15	0	15	15	17	100
PROBATE (PR)	84	3	87	33	656	37
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	6	0	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	585	30	615	445	258	72

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	52	FOR DEFEND	2	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	15	FOR PLAINT	20	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	15	DISMISSED	22	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	28	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	19	OTHER	26	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN
				99
				0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT		JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	7
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	25900	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	4
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	7946	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	3,260	ATTORNEY POPULATION	14

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	94	9	103	78	65	75
(2) CIVIL CASES	519	15	534	382	143	71
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	347	4	351	252	164	71
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	172	11	183	130	104	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	250	6	256	149	288	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	45	0	45	42	43	93
ADOPTION (DA)	28	0	28	29	23	103
PROBATE (DP)	170	6	176	71	377	40
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	7	2	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	863	30	893	609	176	68

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	70	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	4
GUILTY VERD	7	FOP PLAINT	20	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	4	DISMISSED	20	DISMISSED	1
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	33	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	14	OTHER	24	OTHER	95
NOT KNOWN	4	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN	0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 90900
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 6588
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 13.798

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 8
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 152

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	257	76	333	277	184	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	2662	62	2724	2351	92	86
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1566	15	1581	1425	104	90
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1096	47	1143	926	75	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	735	59	794	692	161	87
JUVENILE (DJ)	172	29	201	178	72	88
ADOPTION (DA)	142	0	142	132	30	92
PROBATE (DP)	364	30	394	323	416	81
INSANITY (DI)	57	0	57	59	16	103
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	3654	197	3851	3320	114	86

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---
 ACQUITTED 2
 GUILTY PLEA 39
 GUILTY VERD 6
 DISMISSED 36
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 23
 NOT KNOWN 1

-CIVIL & DOM REL-
 FOR DEFEND 4
 FOR PLAINT 35
 DISMISSED 12
 DEFAULT 23
 CH OF VENUE 4
 OTHER 23
 NOT KNOWN 0

-JUV, PROB & MISC
 ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 12
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 10
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 78
 NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 30300
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 8853
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.423

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 31

C A S E L I A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	66	1	67	50	158	74
(2) CIVIL CASES	561	23	584	480	235	82
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	341	10	351	302	263	86
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	220	13	233	178	191	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	244	11	255	176	491	69
JUVENILE (CJ)	26	1	27	10	52	37
ADOPTION (DA)	39	0	39	22	44	56
PROBATE (DP)	171	10	181	140	582	77
INSANITY (DI)	8	0	8	4	13	50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	871	35	906	706	290	77

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	38	FOR DEFEND	2	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	21	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	34	DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	19	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	17	OTHER	24	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				96
				0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 16800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 7777
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.160

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 17

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	43	4	47	39	76	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	302	9	311	240	121	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	169	3	172	133	147	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	133	6	139	107	88	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	177	4	181	109	249	60
JUVENILE (DJ)	30	3	33	25	172	75
ADOPTION (DA)	18	0	18	16	38	88
PRIGATE (DP)	121	1	122	60	334	49
INSANITY (DI)	8	0	8	8	7	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	522	17	539	388	152	71

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 3		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 54	FOR DEFEND 3	GUILTY PLEA 3
GUILTY VERD 14	FOR PLAINT 14	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 11	DISMISSED 29	DISMISSED 4
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 21	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 14	OTHER 27	OTHER 93
NOT KNOWN 3	NOT KNOWN 5	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT		JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	11
POPULATION (7/1/1977)	46400	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	1
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	5137	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	9.033	ATTORNEY POPULATION	66

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CASE TYPE	ORIG	FILINGS RE-OP	TOTAL	DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	CASES	AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	183	34	217	194	138	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	1491	77	1568	1260	105	80
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	873	12	885	728	113	82
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	618	65	683	532	96	77
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	328	13	341	211	117	61
JUVENILE (OJ)	76	8	84	45	118	53
ADOPTION (OA)	56	0	56	37	32	66
PROBATE (OP)	189	5	194	126	254	64
INSANITY (OI)	7	0	7	3	5	42
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2002	124	2126	1665	110	78

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	1		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	54	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	3	FOR PLAINT	56	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	18	DISMISSED	14
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	11	DEFAULT	1
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	3	OTHER	13	OTHER	60
NOT KNOWN	13	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	4

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 27900
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 8641
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.229

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 26

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	67	6	73	64	132	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	640	25	665	519	167	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	461	11	472	374	190	79
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	179	14	193	145	144	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	303	13	316	209	292	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	56	5	61	43	60	70
ADOPTION (DA)	20	0	20	18	66	90
PROBATE (DP)	217	8	225	139	399	61
INSANITY (DI)	10	0	10	9	41	90
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1010	44	1054	792	202	75

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 2	FOR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 54	FOR PLAINT 18	GUILTY PLEA 1
GUILTY VERD 2	DISMISSED 31	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 27	DEFAULT 32	DISMISSED 6
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 2	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 14	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 14	NOT KNOWN 2	OTHER 73
NOT KNOWN 1		NOT KNOWN 19

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 126200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 12510
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 10.088

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 237

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	462	22	484	401	109	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	3474	132	3606	3092	148	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2053	48	2101	1875	164	89
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1421	84	1505	1217	125	80
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	856	23	879	615	271	69
JUVENILE (DJ)	201	7	208	130	93	62
ADOPTION (DA)	123	2	125	112	59	89
PROBATE (DP)	427	14	441	323	409	73
INSANITY (DI)	105	0	105	50	16	47
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4792	177	4969	4108	165	82

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	1			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	67	FUR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	3	FUR PLAINT	26	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	24	DISMISSED	19	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	37	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	5	OTHER	15	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				90
				1

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 6837
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.492

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 7

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	53	1	54	50	40	92
(2) CIVIL CASES	181	5	186	140	131	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	115	3	118	79	161	66
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	66	2	68	61	109	89
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	111	2	113	69	202	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	41	1	42	23	18	54
ADOPTION (DA)	4	0	4	4	41	100
PRIBATE (DP)	65	1	66	41	285	62
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	345	8	353	259	135	73

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 5	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 71	FUR PLAINT 22	GUILTY PLEA 4
GUILTY VERD 3	DISMISSED 17	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 8	DEFAULT 16	DISMISSED 3
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 2	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 42	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 13	NOT KNOWN 1	OTHER 64
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 28

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	15
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	ATTORNEY POPULATION	14

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	30	2	32	27	25	84
(2) CIVIL CASES	261	13	274	202	242	73
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	167	7	174	128	262	73
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	94	6	100	74	217	74
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	167	3	170	105	394	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	11	0	11	6	4	54
ADOPTION (DA)	22	0	22	8	11	36
PROBATE (DP)	133	3	136	90	442	66
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	4	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	458	18	476	334	267	70

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	71	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	17	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	21	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	21	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	2
OTHER	8	OTHER	35	OTHER	95
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN	2

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 35400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 23212
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.525

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 31

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	ORIG (1)	FILINGS RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
				CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	116	6	122	114	104	93
(2) CIVIL CASES	659	62	721	558	108	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	384	20	404	347	116	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	275	42	317	211	97	66
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	291	5	296	173	203	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	49	2	51	34	77	66
ADOPTION (DA)	33	0	33	29	41	87
PROBATE (DP)	202	3	205	104	293	50
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	6	1	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1066	73	1139	845	125	74

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	3		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	63	FOP DEFEND	3	GUILTY PLEA	4
GUILTY VERD	10	FOP PLAINT	25	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	24	DISMISSED	18	DISMISSED	3
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	31	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	0	OTHER	19	OTHER	92
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN	0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 18000
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 10187
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.767

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 17
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 14

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	43	2	45	38	117	84
(2) CIVIL CASES	344	15	359	278	115	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	204	7	211	161	94	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	140	8	148	117	134	79
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	141	5	146	76	322	52
JUVENILE (DJ)	19	1	20	14	0	70
ADOPTION (DA)	16	0	16	16	14	100
PROBATE (DP)	102	4	106	42	340	39
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	528	22	550	392	140	71

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---
 ACQUITTED 5
 GUILTY PLEA 65
 GUILTY VERD 8
 DISMISSED 15
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 0
 NOT KNOWN 5

-CIVIL & DOM REL-
 FOR DEFEND 1
 FOR PLAINT 2
 DISMISSED 7
 DEFAULT 34
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 49
 NOT KNOWN 8

-JUV, PROB & MISC
 ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 0
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 0
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 100
 NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 38500
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2517
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 15.296

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 18
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 57

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	169	11	180	158	46	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	607	16	623	697	146	111
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	364	7	371	344	218	92
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	243	9	252	353	84	140
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	202	10	212	201	240	94
JUVENILE (DJ)	45	6	51	39	27	76
ADOPTION (DA)	28	0	28	27	40	96
PROBATE (DP)	119	4	123	127	283	103
INSANITY (DI)	10	0	10	8	0	80
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	978	37	1015	1056	138	104

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	55	FOR DEFEND	4	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	3	FOR PLAINT	9	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	21	DISMISSED	17	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	56	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	18	OTHER	12	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				98

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 16700
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3714
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.496

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 19
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 10

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Ave TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	90	4	94	76	165	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	389	10	399	312	142	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	162	6	168	131	193	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	227	4	231	181	95	78
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	113	5	118	67	277	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	33	2	35	26	47	74
ADOPTION (DA)	15	1	16	15	99	93
PROBATE (DP)	60	1	61	23	531	37
INSANITY (DI)	5	1	6	3	5	50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	592	19	611	455	156	74

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	59	FOR DEFEND	2	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	19	FOR PLAINT	13	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	23	DISMISSED	14	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	45	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	8	OTHER	22	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN

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DISTRICT COURT OF HEAVERHEAD
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 8200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 5551
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.477
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 9

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 5
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	12	0	12	11	211	91
(2) CIVIL CASES	183	2	185	150	144	81
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	106	0	106	81	195	70
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	77	2	79	69	119	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	67	4	71	46	270	64
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	0	12	7	63	58
ADOPTION (DA)	7	0	7	0	101	85
PROBATE (DP)	43	4	47	29	305	61
INSANITY (DI)	5	0	5	4	0	80
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	262	6	268	207	168	77

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	60	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	9
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	6	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	2	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	83	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	2	OTHER	91
NOT KNOWN	40	NOT KNOWN	7	NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BIG HORN	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	13
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	5
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	3
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	THRUPUT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
						X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	20	2	22	23	71	104
(2) CIVIL CASES	238	16	254	199	95	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	123	4	127	106	75	83
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	115	12	127	93	117	73
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	57	7	64	42	221	65
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	0	12	7	168	58
ADOPTION (DA)	4	0	4	6	63	150
PROBATE (DP)	40	7	47	28	279	59
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	315	25	340	264	113	77

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	76	FOR DEFEND	3	GUILTY PLEA	5
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	25	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	10	DISMISSED	11	DISMISSED	5
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	41	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	10	OTHER	17	OTHER	90
NOT KNOWN	5	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BLAINE
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7000
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4275
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.637
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	15	2	15	15	40	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	116	1	117	100	179	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	60	0	60	60	181	86
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	47	1	48	40	177	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	121	7	128	104	391	81
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	4	16	8	116	50
ADOPTION (DA)	8	0	8	8	39	100
PROBATE (DP)	97	3	100	84	466	84
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	5	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	250	10	260	219	265	84

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 77	FOR DEFEND 1	GUILTY PLEA 3
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 18	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 8	DISMISSED 31	DISMISSED 3
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 34	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 1
OTHER 8	OTHER 6	OTHER 48
NOT KNOWN 8	NOT KNOWN 10	NOT KNOWN 45

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BROADWATER
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 3100
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1193
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.598
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 1
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG	RE-IP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	25	4	29	19	207	65
(2) CIVIL CASES	116	7	123	81	104	65
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	78	5	83	54	133	65
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	38	2	40	27	86	67
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	35	0	35	14	0	40
JUVENILE (DJ)	3	0	3	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	6	0	6	4	0	66
PRIBATE (DP)	25	0	25	9	0	36
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	176	11	187	114	128	60

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---

ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 26
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 74
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 0
 NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND 8
 FOR PLAINT 0
 DISMISSED 15
 DEFAULT 39
 CH OF VENUE 8
 OTHER 23
 NOT KNOWN 8

-JUV, PROB & MISC

ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 0
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 0
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 0
 NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CARBON
POPULATION (7/1/1977) 8200
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2066
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.969
ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	PE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	19	1	20	21	188	105
(2) CIVIL CASES	150	6	156	122	220	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	92	2	94	70	313	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	58	4	62	52	109	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	61	7	68	38	343	55
JUVENILE (DJ)	13	2	15	8	115	53
ADOPTION (DA)	7	0	7	5	136	71
PRIGATE (DP)	41	5	46	25	391	54
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	230	14	244	181	260	74

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 25	FOR DEFEND 3	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 5	FOR PLAINT 6	GUILTY VERD 2
DISMISSED 47	DISMISSED 34	DISMISSED 11
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 34	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 4	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 16	OTHER 8	OTHER 78
NOT KNOWN 5	NOT KNOWN 11	NOT KNOWN 9

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CASCADE	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	8
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	2
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	3
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	245	75	320	267	189	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	2522	56	2578	2247	93	87
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1480	13	1493	1360	105	91
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1042	43	1085	887	75	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	683	58	741	662	126	89
JUVENILE (DJ)	170	29	199	177	72	88
ADOPTION (DA)	139	0	139	129	30	92
PROBATE (DP)	317	29	346	297	389	85
INSANITY (DI)	57	0	57	59	16	103
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	3450	189	3639	3176	109	87

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	1			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	39	FOR DEFEND	4	GUILTY PLEA	13
GUILTY VERD	6	FOR PLAINT	36	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED	12	DISMISSED	10
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	24	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	22	OTHER	21	OTHER	76
NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CARTER
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3313
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.543
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1	0	1	1	0	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	16	0	16	9	429	56
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	9	0	9	5	772	55
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	4	200	57
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	28	0	28	18	278	64
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	3	6	75
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	22	0	22	13	356	59
INSANILY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	45	0	45	28	332	62

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 40	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DISMISSED 40	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 20	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	OTHER 0	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CHouteau
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 6500
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 5927
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.055
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	FILED	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	Avg TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X1000
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	12	1	13	10	80	76
(2) CIVIL CASES	146	6	146	104	79	71
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	86	2	88	65	34	73
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	54	4	54	39	72	67
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	52	1	53	30	457	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	1	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	3	0	3	3	29	100
PROBATE (DP)	47	1	48	26	469	54
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	204	8	212	144	192	67

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 14		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 29	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 14	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 14	DISMISSED 2	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 9	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 29	OTHER 67	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CUSTER
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 13100
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3756
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.488
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 17

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	61	5	66	62	99	93
(2) CIVIL CASES	302	20	322	244	81	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	161	5	166	134	95	80
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	141	15	156	110	64	70
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	107	3	110	64	152	58
JUVENILE (PJ)	18	0	18	14	108	77
ADOPTION (DA)	13	0	13	12	9	92
PROBATE (DP)	70	3	73	33	225	45
INSANITY (DI)	6	0	6	5	1	83
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	470	28	498	370	96	74

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 5	FOR DEFEND 2	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 71	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY PLEA 7
GUILTY VERD 6	DISMISSED 16	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 17	DEFAULT 44	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 21	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 93
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF DANIELS
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 3100
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1443
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.148
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 15
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) (6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	5	0	5	5	56	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	39	0	39	29	83	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	29	0	29	20	85	68
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	10	0	10	9	79	90
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	38	0	38	22	206	57
JUVENILE (DJ)	9	0	9	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	38	0	38	22	206	57
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	82	0	82	56	132	68

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0	FOR DEFEND	0	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	50	FOR PLAINT	11	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	DISMISSED	22	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	50	DEFAULT	0	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	0	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	67	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0			NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF DAWSON
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 11400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2370
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.810
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	63	7	70	50	42	71	
(2) CIVIL CASES	230	4	234	161	171	68	
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	145	0	145	93	202	64	
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	85	4	89	68	122	76	
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	97	3	100	52	305	52	
JUVENILE (DJ)	20	0	20	20	52	100	
ADOPTION (DA)	8	0	8	8	39	100	
PROBATE (DP)	65	3	68	20	450	29	
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	2	100	
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	390	14	404	263	176	65	

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	89	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	2	FOR PLAINT	18	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	32	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	2	OTHER	23	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	7	NOT KNOWN	2	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF DEER LODGE
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 14300
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 740
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 19.324
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 11

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	17	1	18	14	102	77
(2) CIVIL CASES	261	16	277	210	108	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	159	5	164	129	155	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	102	11	113	81	80	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	146	3	149	108	161	72
JUVENILE (DJ)	29	1	30	23	22	76
ADOPTION (DA)	7	0	7	7	21	100
PROBATE (DP)	52	2	54	20	266	37
INSANITY (DI)	58	0	58	58	583	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	424	20	444	332	116	74

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 58	FOR DEFEND 3	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 28	FOR PLAINT 26	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DISMISSED 7	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 8	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 7	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 7	OTHER 54	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF FALLON
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 4000
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1633
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.449
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 3

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	13	0	13	9	100	69
(2) CIVIL CASES	56	7	63	47	125	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	29	2	31	27	140	87
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	27	5	32	20	103	62
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	31	0	31	22	294	70
JUVENILE (DJ)	1	0	1	2	148	200
ADDITION (DA)	3	0	3	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	27	0	27	20	506	74
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	100	7	107	78	176	72

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	36	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	25	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	38	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF FERGUS
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 13300
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4242
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.135
ATTORNEY POPULATION 15

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	10
COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
JUDGES ASSIGNED	1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	40	4	44	36	76	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	255	9	264	202	119	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	140	3	143	111	144	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DW)	115	6	121	91	90	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	139	4	143	83	201	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	26	3	29	23	172	79
ADOPTION (DA)	14	0	14	12	38	85
PRIBATE (DP)	92	1	93	41	272	44
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	7	7	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	434	17	451	321	135	71

M E T H U E N S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL

ACQUITTED 3

GUILTY PLEA 54

GUILTY VERD 14

DISMISSED 11

DEFAULT)

CH 1)F VF 2UE U

OTHER 14

NOT KNOWN 5

-CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND 2

FOR PLAINT 11

DISMISSED 29

DEFAULT 21

CH OF VENUE 0

OTHER 30

NOT KNOWN 6

-JUV, PRIB & MISC

ACQUITTED 0

GUILTY PLEA 4

GUILTY VERD 1

DISMISSED 5

DEFAULT	0
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CH OF VENUE 0

OTHER 90

NOT KNOWN U

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF FLATHEAD
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 46400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 5137
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 9.033
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 66

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 11
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	Ave TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	183	34	217	194	138	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	1491	77	1568	1260	105	80
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	873	12	885	728	113	82
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	618	65	683	532	96	77
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	328	13	341	211	117	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	76	8	84	45	118	53
ADOPTION (DA)	56	0	56	37	32	60
PROBATE (DP)	189	5	194	126	254	64
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	3	5	42
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2002	124	2126	1665	110	78

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	1	FOR DEFEND	1	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	54	FOR PLAINT	56	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	3	DISMISSED	18	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	25	DEFAULT	11	DISMISSED	14
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	1	DEFAULT	1
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	13	CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	3	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER	80
NOT KNOWN	13			NOT KNOWN	4

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GALLATIN
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 38500
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2517
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 15.296
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 57

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 18
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	169	11	180	158	46	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	607	16	623	697	146	111
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	364	7	371	344	218	92
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	243	9	252	353	84	140
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	202	10	212	201	240	94
JUVENILE (DJ)	45	6	51	39	27	76
ADOPTION (DA)	28	0	28	27	40	96
PROBATE (DP)	119	4	123	127	283	103
INSANITY (DI)	10	0	10	8	0	80
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	978	37	1015	1056	138	104

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	3	FOR DEFEND	4	ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	55	FOR PLAINT	9	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	3	DISMISSED	17	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	21	DEFAULT	56	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	1	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	12	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	18	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0			NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GARFIELD
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4455
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.404
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) CIVIL CASES	29	0	29	22	0	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	24	0	24	18	0	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	5	0	5	4	0	80
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	13	0	13	9	0	69
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRIGATE (DP)	13	0	13	9	0	69
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	42	0	42	31	0	73

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FUR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FUR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GLACIER
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10900
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2964
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.677
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 14

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	21	1	22	14	81	63
(2) CIVIL CASES	256	3	259	188	255	72
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	144	0	144	100	262	69
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	112	3	115	88	248	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	62	4	66	39	199	59
JUVENILE (OJ)	5	0	5	3	45	60
ADOPTION (OA)	16	0	16	16	71	100
PROBATE (OP)	40	4	44	19	258	43
INSANITY (OI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	339	8	347	241	234	69

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	9	FOR DEFEND	3	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	36	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	55	DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	23	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	27	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	9	OTHER	5	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				97

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GOLDEN VALLEY
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 900
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1176
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.765
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	THRUPUT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) CIVIL CASES	10	0	10	9	328	90
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	8	0	8	6	370	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	2	0	2	3	245	150
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	8	0	8	3	301	37
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	41	0
PROBATE (DP)	8	0	8	3	682	37
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	18	0	18	12	341	66

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 0	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DISMISSED 71	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	OTHER 29	OTHER 0
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 100

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GRANITE	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	3
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	10	1	11	9	0	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	109	3	103	78	0	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	83	2	85	63	0	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	17	1	18	15	0	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	38	2	40	25	0	62
JUVENILE (DJ)	7	1	8	4	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	5	0	5	4	0	80
PROBATE (DP)	26	1	27	17	0	62
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	148	6	154	112	0	72

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	100	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF HILL
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 18300
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2927
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 6.252
ATTORNEY POPULATION 20

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	54	4	58	46	157	79
(2) CIVIL CASES	481	24	505	348	169	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	356	11	367	248	212	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	125	13	138	100	136	72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	156	6	162	88	153	54
JUVENILE (DJ)	44	1	45	35	41	77
ADOPTION (DA)	10	0	10	10	83	100
PROBATE (DP)	97	5	102	38	302	37
INSANITY (DI)	5	0	5	5	53	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	691	34	725	522	164	72

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 3	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 49	FUR PLAINT 17	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 3	DISMISSED 32	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 31	DEFAULT 33	DISMISSED 10
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 15	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 15	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 90
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	5
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7100	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1652	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.298		
ATTORNEY POPULATION 5		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	39	9	48	22	131	45
(2) CIVIL CASES	424	58	482	282	129	58
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	368	58	426	242	148	56
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	56	0	56	40	64	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	37	2	39	40	167	102
JUVENILE (DJ)	9	1	10	10	69	100
ADOPTION (DA)	3	0	3	3	90	100
PROBATE (DP)	24	1	25	26	282	104
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	500	69	569	344	135	60

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	5			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	53	FOP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	11	FOP PLAINT	11	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	5	DISMISSED	11	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	24	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	26	OTHER	50	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF JUDITH BASIN
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 2800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1880
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.469
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	2	0	2	2	0		100
(2) CIVIL CASES	41	0	41	34	147		82
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	27	0	27	21	172		77
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	14	0	14	13	23		92
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	27	0	27	18	477		66
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	2	0		50
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0		100
PROBATE (DP)	21	0	21	14	477		66
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	70	0	70	54	318		77

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	16	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	36	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	24	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	24	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	0	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LAKE
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 17600
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1494
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.780
ATTORNEY POPULATION 15

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	78	6	84	66	89	78
(2) CIVIL CASES	426	27	453	342	92	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	240	8	248	194	86	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	186	19	205	148	99	72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	141	5	146	81	173	55
JUVENILE (DJ)	26	1	27	20	54	74
ADOPTION (DA)	24	0	24	24	37	100
PROBATE (DP)	88	4	92	34	275	36
INSANITY (DI)	3	0	3	3	7	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	645	38	683	489	114	71

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 4	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 75	FUR PLAINT 9	GUILTY PLEA 1
GUILTY VERD 7	DISMISSED 16	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 9	DEFAULT 42	DISMISSED 3
DEFAULT 2	CH OF VENUE 1	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 31	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 2	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 94
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 1

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LEWIS & CLARK	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	1
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 39300	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	2
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3476	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.306		
ATTORNEY POPULATION 212		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	159	23	182	140	125	76
(2) CIVIL CASES	1480	45	1525	1281	122	84
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	972	14	986	761	148	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	508	31	539	520	91	96
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	367	18	385	317	171	82
JUVENILE (DJ)	127	6	133	98	35	73
ADOPTION (DA)	47	0	47	39	28	82
PROBATE (DP)	181	11	192	169	329	88
INSANITY (DI)	12	1	13	11	0	84
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2006	86	2092	1738	133	83

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	1	FOR DEFEND	1
GUILTY PLEA	63	FOR PLAINT	25
GUILTY VERD	3	DISMISSED	22
DISMISSED	17	DEFAULT	36
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	4
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	12
OTHER	17	NOT KNOWN	0
NOT KNOWN	0		

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LIBERTY
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 2500
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1439
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.807
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	0	0	0	3	93	0
(2) CIVIL CASES	43	0	43	31	114	72
GENERAL, (CIVIL) (DV)	36	0	36	26	125	72
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	5	61	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	26	0	26	17	323	65
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	0	0	0
PRIBATE (DP)	23	0	23	17	323	73
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	69	0	69	51	208	73

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FUR DEFEND	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FUR PLAINT	15
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	27
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	23
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	31
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	4
			OTHER
			100
			NOT KNOWN
			0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 16700
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3714
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.496
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 10

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 19
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Ave TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) (6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	90	4	94	76	165	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	389	10	399	312	142	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	162	6	168	131	193	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	227	4	231	181	95	78
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	113	5	118	67	277	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	33	2	35	26	47	74
ADOPTION (DA)	15	1	16	15	99	93
PROBATE (DP)	60	1	61	23	531	37
INSANITY (DI)	5	1	6	3	5	50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	592	19	611	455	156	74

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --

ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 59
 GUILTY VERD 10
 DISMISSED 23
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 8
 NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND 2
 FOR PLAINT 13
 DISMISSED 14
 DEFAULT 45
 CH OF VENUE 3
 OTHER 22
 NOT KNOWN 1

-JUV, PROB & MISC

ACQUITTED 7
 GUILTY PLEA 0
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 7
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 7
 OTHER 79
 NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MCCONE
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 2800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2607
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.074
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THROUGHPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	8	0	8	7	210	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	35	0	35	27	138	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	28	0	28	21	150	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	6	102	85
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	23	0	23	18	346	78
JUVENILE (JJ)	4	0	4	5	17	125
ADOPTION (DA)	1	0	1	1	9	100
PROBATE (PB)	18	0	18	12	376	66
INSANITY (PI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	66	0	66	52	242	76

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---

ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 60
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 40
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 0
 NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND 4
 FOR PLAINT 29
 DISMISSED 38
 DEFAULT 3
 CH OF VENUE 4
 OTHER 17
 NOT KNOWN 0

-JUV., PROB & MISC

ACQUITTED 0
 GUILTY PLEA 0
 GUILTY VERD 0
 DISMISSED 0
 DEFAULT 0
 CH OF VENUE 0
 OTHER 100
 NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MADISON
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 5700
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3528
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.616
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 3

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 5
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	27	1	28	25	45	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	125	4	129	99	175	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	97	2	99	74	237	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	28	2	30	25	62	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	33	4	37	24	386	64
JUVENILE (JU)	3	0	3	2	0	66
ADOPITION (OA)	4	0	4	4	0	100
PROBATE (PR)	25	4	29	17	386	58
INSANITY (II)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	185	9	194	148	163	76

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0	FOR DEFEND 3	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 45	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	DISMISSED 12	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DEFAULT 15	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 50	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 55	NOT KNOWN 3	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MEAGHER
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 2200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2354
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.935
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT 1(4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	X100 (6)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	9	0	9	8	0	88	
(2) CIVIL CASES	36	0	36	29	128	80	
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	19	0	19	14	226	73	
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	17	0	17	15	107	88	
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	18	0	18	12	569	66	
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	1	0	50	
ADOPITION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100	
PROBATE (DP)	14	0	14	9	569	64	
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	63	0	63	49	153	77	

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV., PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 35	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DISMISSED 11	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 7	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	OTHER 48	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MINERAL
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 3400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1222
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.782
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(X100)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	7	0	7	7	119	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	79	2	81	85	49	43
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	37	2	39	35	98	97
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	42	0	42	30	77	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	16	1	17	10	180	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	1	0	1	1	14	100
ADOPTION (DA)	5	0	5	4	10	80
PROBATE (DP)	10	1	11	5	340	45
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	102	3	105	85	103	80

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	22	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	7	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	4	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	62	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MISSOULA
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 66800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2612
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 25.574
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 158

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES AVE TIME	(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	223	40	263	305	140	115
(2) CIVIL CASES	2131	117	2248	1803	108	80
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1241	31	1272	947	120	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	890	86	976	856	80	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	411	46	457	412	285	90
JUVENILE (DJ)	83	17	100	90	174	90
ADOPTION (DA)	70	0	70	65	38	92
PROBATE (DP)	248	27	275	247	484	89
INSANITY (DI)	10	2	12	10	3	83
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2765	203	2968	2520	125	84

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		--CIVIL & DOM REL--		--JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	72	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	11
GUILTY VERD	7	FOR PLAINT	11	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	15	DISMISSED	17	DISMISSED	5
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	49	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	4	OTHER	22	OTHER	83
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	2

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MUSSELSHELL
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 4700
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1887
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.491
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	THRUPT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	34	1	35	31	16	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	95	5	100	77	105	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	62	3	65	47	129	72
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	33	2	35	30	72	85
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	65	2	67	41	88	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	35	1	36	20	18	55
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (PB)	28	1	29	19	157	65
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	194	8	202	149	83	73

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 75	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 5
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 22	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 7	DISMISSED 12	DISMISSED 5
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 18	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 18	OTHER 45	OTHER 57
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 33

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PARK
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 12500
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2626
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.760
ATTORNEY POPULATION 10

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 6
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRU PUT L(4)/(3) X100
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	L(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(6)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	54	4	58	46	106		79
(2) CIVIL CASES	321	22	343	258	161		75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	161	5	166	130	181		78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	160	17	177	128	138		72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	104	4	108	63	678		58
JUVENILE (DJ)	31	1	32	24	64		75
ADOPTION (DA)	13	0	13	13	17		100
PROBATE (DP)	55	3	58	21	843		36
INSANITY (DI)	5	0	5	5	0		100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	479	30	509	367	287		72

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --
ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 58
GUILTY VERD 15
DISMISSED 5
DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 23
NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-
FOR DEFEND 3
FOR PLAINT 22
DISMISSED 21
DEFAULT 32
CH OF VENUE 2
OTHER 20
NOT KNOWN 0

-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PETROLEUM
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 700
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1655
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.423
ATTORNEY POPULATION 0

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-JP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1	0	1	1	0	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	6	0	6	4	0	66
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2	0	2	1	0	50
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	4	0	4	3	0	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	11	0	11	8	0	72
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	8	0	8	5	0	62
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	18	0	18	13	0	72

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	---	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FUP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FUP PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	0	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PHILLIPS	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	17
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	2
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	THRUPUT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	16	1	17	15	0	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	132	5	137	108	17	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	74	1	75	56	17	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	58	4	62	52	0	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	34	3	37	23	1	62
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	1	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	30	3	33	20	1	60
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	182	9	191	146	10	76

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	33	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VERDE
OTHER	0	OTHER	67	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PONDERA
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7400
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1645
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.498
ATTORNEY POPULATION 7

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(6)	(7)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	13	0	13	8	298		61
(2) CIVIL CASES	91	4	95	84	463		88
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	55	3	58	70	409		120
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	36	1	37	14	285		57
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	59	2	61	45	978		73
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	0	12	2	6		16
ADOPTION (DA)	12	0	12	0	0		0
PROBATE (DP)	32	2	34	41	1053		120
INSANITY (DI)	3	0	3	2	13		66
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	163	6	169	137	621		51

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	2	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	4	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	75	DISMISSED	67	DISMISSED	4
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	7	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	25	OTHER	16	OTHER	96
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF POWDER RIVER	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	16
POPULATION (7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	7
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	12	0	12	10	76	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	34	0	34	19	263	55
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	25	0	25	13	315	52
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	9	0	9	6	132	66
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	19	0	19	7	0	36
JUVENILE (JJ)	3	0	3	1	0	33
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	14	0	14	4	0	28
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	65	0	65	36	221	55

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0	FOR DEFEND	0	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	50	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	DISMISSED	57	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	50	DEFAULT	43	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	0	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	0	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER	0
NOT KNOWN	0			NOT KNOWN	0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF POWELL
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7400
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2336
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.168
ATTORNEY POPULATION 7

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	34	3	37	31	76	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	149	6	155	121	68	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	91	2	93	69	51	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	58	4	62	52	73	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	50	3	53	35	286	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	10	2	12	6	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	6	0	6	6	179	100
PROBATE (DP)	33	1	34	22	307	64
INSANITY (FI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	233	12	245	187	100	76

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 0	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 62	FUR PLAINT 3	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	DISMISSED 3	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 19	DEFAULT 3	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 79	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 19	NOT KNOWN 10	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PRAIRIE
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1800
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1730
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.040
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	2	0	2	2	20	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	27	0	27	18	103	66
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	20	0	20	15	125	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	3	59	42
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	13	0	13	8	348	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	1	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	9	0	9	5	348	55
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES -(1+2+3)	42	0	42	28	198	66

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	14	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	86	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF RAVALLI
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 19300
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2382
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 8.102
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 14

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) (6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	80	7	87	76	81	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	378	25	403	322	223	79
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	189	6	195	174	272	89
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	189	19	208	148	165	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	126	5	131	67	470	51
JUVENILE (DJ)	36	1	37	28	71	75
ADPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	13	0
PROBATE (DP)	83	4	87	32	833	36
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	7	10	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	584	37	621	465	253	74

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 1	FOR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 87	FOR PLAINT 5	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 4	DISMISSED 22	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 1	DEFAULT 7	DISMISSED 6
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 6	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 54	CH OF VENUE 2
OTHER 4	NOT KNOWN 5	OTHER 90
NOT KNOWN 1		NOT KNOWN 2

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF RICHLAND
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2079
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.906
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 8

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Ave TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	22	2	24	20	76	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	207	11	218	163	106	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	137	4	141	110	122	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	70	7	77	53	78	68
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	103	3	106	61	258	57
JUVENILE (DJ)	19	0	19	15	32	78
ADOPTION (DA)	19	0	19	20	19	105
PROBATE (DP)	63	3	66	24	338	36
INSANITY (DI)	2	0	2	2	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	332	16	348	244	159	70

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	33	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	19	FOR PLAINT	9	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	5	DISMISSED	13	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	48	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	43	OTHER	28	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN
				99
				0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF ROOSEVELT
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10600
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2365
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.444
ATTORNEY POPULATION 9

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 15
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THROUGHPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	19	2	21	18	26	85
(2) CIVIL CASES	142	9	151	114	322	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	85	3	88	69	372	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	57	6	63	45	270	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	74	2	76	33	9	43
JUVENILE (DJ)	8	0	8	6	4	75
ADOPTION (DA)	10	0	10	5	13	50
PROBATE (DP)	55	2	57	21	0	36
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	4	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	235	13	248	165	280	66

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	69	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	21	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	19	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	25	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	22
OTHER	13	OTHER	24	OTHER	56
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN	22

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF ROSEBUD
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10500
 AREA IN SQAURE MILES 5037
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.085
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 6

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	27	1	28	30	102	107
(2) CIVIL CASES	195	35	230	199	120	86
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	116	13	129	135	104	104
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	79	22	101	64	141	63
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	80	2	82	45	178	54
JUVENILE (DJ)	21	2	23	13	62	56
ADOPTION (DA)	11	0	11	11	79	100
PRIBATE (DP)	47	0	47	20	385	42
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	302	38	340	274	127	80

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0	FOR DEFEND 5	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 53	FOR PLAINT 44	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 17	DISMISSED 16	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 30	DEFAULT 15	DISMISSED 9
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 4	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 16	CH OF VENUE 5
OTHER 0	NOT KNOWN 2	OTHER 86
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SANDERS
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 8400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2778
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.024
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 5

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	OPIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	26	4	30	20	109	66
(2) CIVIL CASES	173	8	181	136	65	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	87	2	89	66	78	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DW)	86	6	92	70	93	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	87	2	89	59	92	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	10	0	10	6	73	60
ADOPTION (DA)	8	0	8	8	27	100
PROBATE (DP)	69	2	71	45	187	63
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	286	14	300	215	88	71

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	68	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	9	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	14	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	9	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SWEET GRASS
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 3100
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1840
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.685
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 5

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 6
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	13	0	13	11	212		84
(2) CIVIL CASES	57	0	57	49	109		85
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	33	0	33	27	134		81
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	24	0	24	22	50		91
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	36	0	36	18	347		50
JUVENILE (DJ)	3	0	3	3	75		100
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0		100
PROBATE (DP)	29	0	29	12	371		41
INSANITY (DI)	2	0	2	1	0		50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	106	0	106	78	194		73

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0	FOR DEFEND	0
GUILTY PLEA	25	FOR PLAINT	0
GUILTY VERD	13	DISMISSED	0
DISMISSED	63	DEFAULT	4
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	96
OTHER	0	NOT KNOWN	0
NOT KNOWN	0		

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF STILLWATER
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 5300
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1794
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.954
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 5

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT 1.(4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	23	2	25	20	75	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	94	4	98	75	254	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	66	1	67	50	256	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DH)	28	3	31	25	248	80
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	41	1	42	26	283	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	1	0	1	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	1	4	50
PRORATE (DP)	38	1	39	25	294	64
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	158	7	165	121	237	73

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FUR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FUR PLAINT	3	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	17	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	49	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100
				0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SILVER BOW	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	2
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 40200	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	1
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 715	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 56.224		
ATTORNEY POPULATION 95		

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	73	11	84	74	121	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	854	32	886	761	157	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	506	9	515	438	240	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	348	23	371	323	84	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	359	22	381	307	202	80
JUVENILE (DJ)	82	9	91	68	0	74
ADOPTION (DA)	35	0	35	31	36	88
PROBATE (DP)	206	12	218	163	246	83
INSANITY (DI)	36	1	37	25	0	67
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1286	65	1351	1142	160	84

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	6			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	61	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	7	FOR PLAINT	4	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	22	DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	62	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	2	OTHER	12	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN
				22

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 5200
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1694
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.070
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 3

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 15
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)		
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	6	0	6	4	5		66
(2) CIVIL CASES	80	4	84	59	172		70
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	53	4	57	39	177		68
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	27	0	27	20	163		74
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	55	1	56	50	583		89
JUVENILE (DJ)	3	0	3	0	0		0
ADOPTION (DA)	12	0	12	3	8		25
PROBATE (DP)	40	1	41	47	619		114
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	141	5	146	113	345		77

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	10	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	20	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	43	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF TETON		JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	9
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	6500	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	4
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	2294	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	2,833		
ATTORNEY POPULATION	4		

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	THRUPT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	L X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	11	0	11	13	212	118
(2) CIVIL CASES	87	7	94	95	135	101
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	57	0	57	56	157	98
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	30	7	37	39	101	105
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	50	1	51	32	244	62
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	2	81	50
ADOPTION (DA)	5	0	5	4	25	80
PROBATE (DP)	40	1	41	25	353	60
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	148	8	156	140	165	89

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 71	FOR DEFEND 1	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 7	DISMISSED 18	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 21	OTHER 60	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF TOOLE
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 5500
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1950
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.821
ATTORNEY POPULATION 6

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	ORIG	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	THRUPUT
		RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				DAYS	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	21	0	21	15	134
(2) CIVIL CASES	127	9	136	113	157
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	85	7	92	76	173
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	42	2	44	37	124
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	73	4	77	60	453
JUVENILE (DJ)	5	1	6	3	54
ADOPTION (DA)	6	0	6	2	26
PROBATE (DP)	59	3	62	55	496
INSANITY (DI)	3	0	3	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	221	13	234	188	750

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	47	FOP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOP PLAINT	12	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	33	DISMISSED	18	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	35	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	7	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	13	OTHER	29	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	2	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF TREASURE
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1300
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 985
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.320
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	PE-OP	TOTAL	CASES AVE TIME		(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	6	0	6	5	33	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	22	0	22	6	154	27
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	16	0	16	2	219	12
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	6	0	6	4	52	66
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	7	0	7	7	713	100
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	7	0	7	7	713	100
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	35	0	35	18	246	51

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FDP PLAIN	38	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	8	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	54	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				67
				33

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF VALLEY
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 12600
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4974
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.533
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 11

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 17
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	27	1	28	23	117	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	212	10	222	170	117	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	130	6	136	105	99	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	82	4	86	65	134	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	107	2	109	53	360	48
JUVENILE (DJ)	17	1	18	13	0	72
ADOPTION (DA)	14	0	14	14	14	100
PRIBATE (DP)	72	1	73	22	382	30
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	346	13	359	246	144	68

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-- JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	5		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	65	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	8	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	5	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF WHEATLAND
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 2400
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1420
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.690
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	10	0	10	11	72	110
(2) CIVIL CASES	40	0	40	25	149	62
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	26	0	26	12	160	46
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	14	0	14	13	143	92
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	20	0	20	13	300	65
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	2	18	50
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRIGATE (DP)	15	0	15	10	321	66
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	70	0	70	49	184	70

METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	20		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA	60	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 6
GUILTY VERD	10	FOR PLAINT 0	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED	10	DISMISSED 33	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT 33	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE 5	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER	0	OTHER 24	OTHER 94
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN 5	NOT KNOWN 0

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF WILBAUX
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1500
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 890
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.685
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPTU (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1	0	1	1	0	100	
(2) CIVIL CASES	47	0	47	31	130	65	
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	37	0	37	28	140	75	
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	10	0	10	3	74	30	
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	27	0	27	18	258	66	
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	2	0	100	
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PROBATE (DP)	24	0	24	15	322	62	
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	4	100	
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	75	0	75	50	165	66	

M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	65	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	9	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	9	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	18	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

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 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 100700
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2642
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 38.115
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 217

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVG TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	394	17	411	332	108	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	2970	106	3076	2690	143	87
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1756	41	1797	1647	156	91
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1214	65	1279	1043	123	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	690	8	698	502	253	71
JUVENILE (DJ)	175	5	180	115	81	63
ADOPTION (DA)	110	2	112	100	51	89
PRIBATE (DP)	301	1	302	238	459	78
INSANITY (DI)	104	0	104	49	16	47
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4054	131	4185	3524	155	84

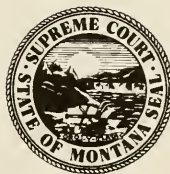
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(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 1		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 67	FOR DEFEND 1	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 3	FOR PLAINT 28	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 25	DISMISSED 18	DISMISSED 8
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 38	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 4	OTHER 14	OTHER 92
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

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